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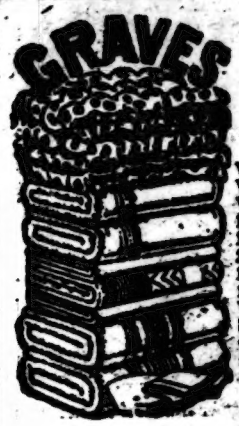

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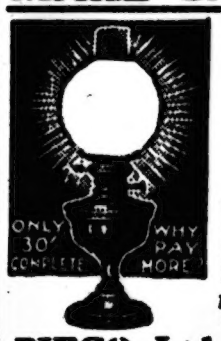

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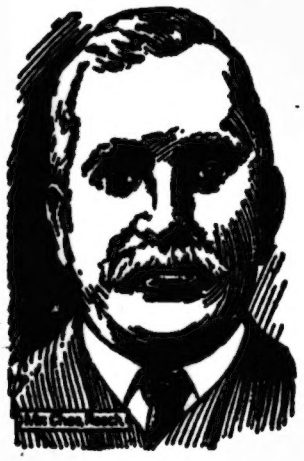

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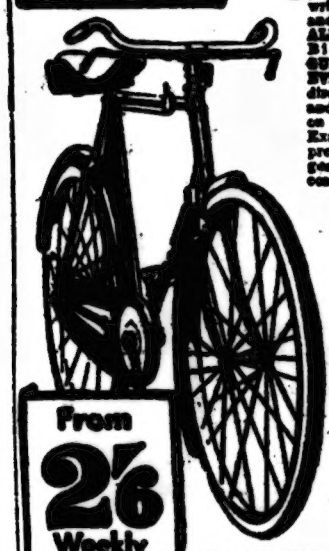

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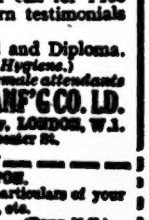

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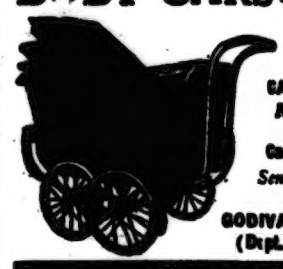

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Why Work at all?
The longer the necessary expedient of the "dole" is continued, the nearer we come to the creation of a class of professional idlers. We are not far from the free "bread and circuses" that brought about the fall of the Roman Empire.

To Restore Self-respect.
We urge Mr. Baldwin to use his imagination. A Public Works Loan, with relief work on the widest possible scale, is not an impossible project. It is, in fact, an urgent necessity.

Mysterious Doings.
The return to a gold standard is entirely a matter for Parliament, yet we suggest that financial arrangements have already been made. Has the Government decided that the people's representatives no longer have any rights?

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The Minister of Transport sees no reason why electricity should not be cheap. He should talk to the Cabinet and draw their attention to previous issues of JOHN BULL.

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Creating Suspicion.
The Japanese Parliament is asking awkward questions about the Singapore folly. We have always said that international distrust would be the first-fruits of this mad scheme.

A Vicious Principle.
France is once more pinning her faith to French troops on the Rhine as the essential guarantee of security. Even M. Herriot appears to mistake permanent war for constructive peace.

In Our Hands.
The apathy of this country and the Dominions towards the Disarmament Protocol is largely to blame. Mr. Chamberlain could swing France and Germany towards Geneva with a word.

And Now What?
France asked for a "plain statement" of our views on the debt question, and she has got her answer—what she pays America she must pay us. And what could be fairer than that?

Another Test.
If the League of Nations allows the ridiculous quarrel between Greece and Turkey to eventuate in war we shall indeed despair of its efficiency. The clearest possible warning should be issued without delay.

Heavy Responsibilities.
Bit by bit the truth about India is emerging, and it shows to what strength the Terrorist movement has grown. Parliament should demand a complete exposition of both facts and policy.

The Gage of Battle.
The industrial trouble we foresaw has not been long in developing. Only something in the nature of an administrative miracle can now avert a transport stoppage on a big scale.

Wanton Irritation.
In their blunt refusal even to discuss the men's claims, the railway managers have put themselves in the wrong. We have no use for such high-handed tactics, no matter which side indulges in them.

Tasks for Statesmen.
What the Minister of Labour and the Cabinet propose to do in this crisis we do not know. There is no question, however, that their fitness to govern is at stake.

Ridiculing Themselves.
The settlement of the Office of Works strike was precisely what was offered before the strike began. It is this sort of thing that is bringing the whole machinery of trade unionism into disrepute.

Beating the Air.
The Wembley authorities are stubbornly blind to the lessons of experience. We greatly fear that even rickshaw rides will not adequately compensate for the lack of Sunday opening and a shilling entrance fee!

Brave Words!
Mr. Neville Chamberlain talks bravely of laying down the law to the building unions. He omits to say what it is he proposes to do in the matter.

No Use Without.
We do not deny the need for resisting their "close corporation" tactics, but what of the other "ring round the house"? Does he, or does he not, propose to put that Profiteering Bill on the Statute Book?

Has Anyone Read It?
We are coming on—the Ministry of Health has issued a pamphlet on the subject of diet. As a substitute for legislative action against food poisoners it seems singularly futile.

Fortunes from Food.
An extra penny on bread costs us £14,000,000 a year. Every time the price of the loaf rises someone makes a quick fortune. Will the Food Commission tell us who that someone is?

Fairy Tales.
Meanwhile, the milling industry has again assured the Commission that "there is no profit in the trade." We are reminded of the old proverb, "The only honest miller is he who has a golden thumb."

Problems of Life.

Barriers of Knowledge

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

LISTENING to Sir Oliver Lodge on the wireless a few nights ago, I heard him say that there were occasions when men of science felt that they knew nothing about the universe.

The statement reminded me of another and more emphatic one related to me by an old friend as having been uttered by the eminent Frenchman, Professor Richet.

Richet and my friend were talking together of the wonderful discoveries of recent years and the light they threw on the structure of existence.

Suddenly, the former threw out his hands in a sweeping gesture as if dismissing the subject. "We know nothing," he cried, "nothing whatever."

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"With supplies restricted to about half the usual quantity," says the *Statist* "the tea auctions ruled firm during the week." Interesting. Read the next!

And You Pay!

"A further improvement may be expected next week when offerings *will again be on a reduced scale.*" The italics are ours. We think that pretty little game beggars comment.

Deserting Her Post.

The Labour Party which is complaining of inadequate representation on the Food Commission would do better to insist that Mrs. Snowden returns from Canada to do the job for which she was appointed. It would be better work than stabbing the ex-Premier in the back.

No Help for It.

The League of Health advocates bare feet as a means of keeping well. Since, without any justification, the price of boots and shoes is soaring, it looks as though their theories may yet be forced on us!

Cut the Losses.

That there is half a million loss on the year's working of the London County Council trams does not surprise us. Trams are obsolete. To scrap them would be a sound economy, and a relief to the ratepayers.

The Limit.

The *Daily Mail*, with superb insolence, says: "The Minister who calls for more money for education is a public danger." We beg to tell Lord Rothermere that we prefer to see money spent on putting brains in than on preparations for blowing them out.

On Guard, Girls.

There is a boom in offers of employment for girls with no experience in France and the Continent generally. Most of these offers are traps and no girl should accept a position however attractive without the fullest enquiry.

On the Right Lines.

If instead of grousing about those wicked bricklayers more great companies followed the example of the L.M.S. railway, which is going to lend £1,000,000 to employees at low interest to build homes, Britain would be brighter and healthier. This is the kind of co-operation between Capital and Labour that gets things done.

Bread—and Water.

In answer to an enquiry which we addressed to the Minister of Health, we are informed that no standard is prescribed for the moisture content of bread, but that the question of the use of improvers, which retain the water that is otherwise evaporated in the process of baking, is being investigated. The use of such substances should be prohibited. Bread is costly enough without having to pay for loaves sodden with water.

Afraid of the Poor.

Bishop Walpole, in attacking birth control at Edinburgh, said that owing to the practice among the abler part of the community the most intelligent would be replaced by the most ignorant. We are not alarmed. We remember the "ignorant" working men who now occupy positions of respect as employers and as Labour representatives. Has the bishop ever heard of the decadent idle who prefer dancing to babies?

Wise Words to the Heathen.

Not all clergy we have met have the frankness of the Rev. Bruce Cornford. Discussing the "heathen" of Portsmouth he states that keeping them away from amusement on Sunday does not shepherd them to church. What he aims at is getting them to church in the morning and on the open road and the playing-fields in the afternoon and at concerts in the evening. A wise vicar whose church is worth attending!

Reader Loses Sight of Eye
"JOHN BULL" PAYS £125
See page 2.

No Tips for a Soldier.

In gratitude to Lieut. Saegert, the British officer who went to the rescue of Mr. Bawla, murdered in Bombay, the mother sent £300 to him, but he sent it back, saying that he had only done his duty. In an age when all civilians scramble for money it is good to be reminded by a soldier that the ideal of duty is not altogether forgotten.

Why?

Now that the hunt for the "merry and elusive double" has begun, the Post Office has mobilised its reserves of inspectors responsible for seeing that the poor bookmakers are not cheated through the post. Quite proper, but why stop there? What has the punter done that no move is made to protect him against fraudulent bookmakers?

Defend the Poor.

The fact that it has been found necessary to raise a public subscription at Bradford for the defence of a twenty-year-old girl charged with murder points to a grave defect in our criminal law. No British citizen should be exposed to the peril of death without adequate defence. The case for the appointment of a Public Defender is complete.

An Infamous Rascal.

"You have even sunk your manhood so low as to cheat the blind who have served their country," was the richly merited rebuke addressed to James O'Connor sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for a series of heartless frauds. There are still far too many of these vultures preying on disabled ex-Service men. We are hot on the scent.

A Doctor and Labour.

Dr. Hacker, of Clifton House, Rotherham, recently advertised as follows: "Married couple required, positively no children allowed, man for washing car, gardening, and odd jobs, and woman to give an hour or two daily and one whole day a week, in return for rent of cottage and electric light." As in return for two people's labour a money-wage is paid, the doctor might at least have thrown in free professional advice.

Discordant Tunes.

To kill a pig on their farm at Thorpe Audlin Thomas Tune and his son, Oliver, used a hammer and a bolt shaped liked a chisel, causing the tortured animal intense suffering. A particularly big pig, was they pleaded. And particularly big brutes were its butchers. Had some magistrates dealt with them the Tunes would have been given a smarter lesson in humanity than is likely to be brought home to them by £5 fines.

His Life for His Feet.

There's nothing like a sense of proportion which, unfortunately, Harold Stoneman, a Chiswick Pensions' clerk lacked. Because corns and callosities on his feet debarred him from playing football he jumped under a train. If Stoneman had spent half an hour looking through the letters we get every week from war-maimed men, some of them with no feet at all, he would have thanked God for his health and preserved his sanity.

Burgling Sorrow.

When Newtown's war memorial was unveiled many bereaved relatives reverently laid wreaths at its foot to the memory of lads who had sacrificed everything for honour. They never dreamed that the frameworks of some of the wreaths had been stolen from graves in the churchyard by a former solicitor's clerk named James Knightley. That one were stolen from one grave, and seventeen from another. It is a mean act to steal tributes from the dead.

Muck in the Milk.

Clean or unclean milk may mean life or death to the people to whom it is supplied. Just because there are such horribly filthy farms as that of James Goddard, of Chinley, Derbyshire, there should be a searching enquiry into the conditions under which milk is produced and sold in every district. Goddard's place was a filthy den leniently described as a menace to Chinley. There may be other farms equally dangerous to public health.

Black and White.

The adventurings of white women and girls with foreign sailors on ships at some Northern ports is a moral menace of increasing proportions. And the scenes in which they participate down in the depths of the vessels are not infrequently of unspeakable horror. These recklessly foolish girls must be saved from nightmare memories.

Killing before Birth.

The murder of the unborn by the administration of noxious drugs is alarmingly on the increase. At the Old Bailey these attempts are usually visited with proper severity, but this is not always so in the provinces, where the evil is rampant. Perhaps it is not generally realised that the effort to dispose of a child before birth may easily maim it for life.

Moral Murder.

A wicked gang of blackmailers has been rounded up at Leicester, and the ringleaders sent to penal servitude. This abominable crime is on the increase. It will never be stamped out till the law provides that the names of the victims shall not appear in the Press. Some public-spirited M.P. should propose this change in the next session of Parliament.

Evil Communications.

Mr. Forbes Lankester, K.C., has not had long to wait for confirmation of his warnings as to the contaminating effect of prison on first offenders. The downfall of a young girl sentenced last week at Oxford to three months' hard labour was directly due to a renewed acquaintance with two practised shoplifters she had met on a first visit to Holloway. Mr. Lankester spoke the bitter truth in pointing out that pitch sticks.

Sex-equality on the Bench.

Knowing what revolting statements he had to make in opening a charge against one of South-port's moral monsters, Police Chief Major Egan asked a woman magistrate not to attend court. Instead of that he might have asked for a bench of women. If the destroyer of children's morals had been dealt will by Southport's indignant others, there would have been an end of all things for the pest.

Ramp from Rowton House.

From Rowton House, King's Cross, London, J. Woodhead, describing himself as a "Direct Advertising Contractor, Publicity and Canvassing Specialist," sends applicants who answer his advertisements an offer of an agency for the sale of knife-sharpeners on a salary of £2 a week and commission, and asks them to send £10 security in return. Woodhead is woodenheaded to hope to catch Londoners with such an obvious trap, but provincial people who are not aware that Rowton House is a cheap lodging place might easily be caught.

Doors' Smokes.

The profiteering in tobacco by masters of merchant ships, to which we drew attention some time back, still continues unabated. In an instance brought to our notice the crew of a ship which signed on at North Shields two months ago has on putting to sea had the price of a proprietary brand of tobacco raised from 8s. 6d. to 16s. a pound, and that of hard plug from 4s. 6d. to 12s. a pound. Seeing that the tobacco is taken out in bond duty free for the special benefit of the men, such extortion is contemptible.

Profiting a Threatened Calamity.

A reader has received the following communication from G. P. Cutchey, Tailoring Consultant, 6, Prince's Street, Hanover Square, W.: "The Preservation of St. Paul's. As announced in the Church of England Newspaper (Personal Column) half our profits are to be devoted to above fund until we have subscribed £1,000. Our Offering that provides for the best but is not Money Must Appeal." It is difficult to find words to express the disgust felt at such an attempt to make trade capital out of a threatened national calamity.

Easy Money.

That ingenious rascal, Victor Allen Worth, who called at Somerset House and without the least difficulty relieved the officials there of £850, has gone to prison for nine months. Meanwhile, on behalf of the Treasury, it is announced that steps have been taken to prevent a repetition of such robberies. Money paid in taxes should be at least as hard to steal as it is to earn.

Two Addresses: One Method.

D. C. Phillips, the touting moneylender of 76, High Street, Tooting, S.W., mentioned in these columns a fortnight ago, seems to have more than one address, though he has only one method. A reader forwards us an exactly similar circular sent out by him from 270, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, S.W. We agree with our reader's comments, which, however, might scorch the paper if they were printed.

A Good Name.

Having doubts about a tipster's circular signed "G. Hartigan," which he received from 16, Colbourne Avenue, Moulscombe, near Brighton, saying, "We have a horse here which is a certainty first time he runs," a reader asked us whether this was one of the famous family of trainers. Neither Mr. Frank Hartigan nor Mr. M. G. Hartigan knows anything of him, and there is a brother with the same initial who knows nothing of these circulars about secret certainties. So that's that.

"Wirelessed into Space."

Following our exposure of "The Western Union Wireless Company" under the above heading last week, a Receiving Order in Bankruptcy has been made against Ernest P. Higgins, the originator of the concern, whose address is given as 99, Regent Street, W. We hope that the part played in the fiasco by Permion, Ltd., and A. S. Moss and Abraham Black (formerly Schwartz), Higgins' co-directors with a paid-up capital of 3s., will not be overlooked by the Official Receiver.

Fees First.

After answering an advertisement for a chauffeur-manservant, a reader received a reply from "The Westbrook Agency," 42, Westbrook Road, Margate, inviting him to forward his references together with a fee of 5s. for registration, a further 5s. 6d. being payable on engagement. An exactly similar reply was probably sent to all applicants, though of course only one could get the job. There are far too many agencies demanding fees in advance for services which may never be rendered. We advise our readers to have nothing to do with any of them.

Worth Knowing.

The firm of W. Llewellyn, Kempton Avenue, Kempton Park, claim to be well-known football accountants established in 1918. All we know about them is that a Gloucester reader who invested on one of their coupons on November 29 last, and won £5 5s., is still unable to obtain his money, and that our repeated requests that the matter should receive attention are ignored. This may be worth knowing to people who might otherwise entrust their football wagers to the firm with a like result.

Bazaars and Bluff.

Heading his circulars "A Churchman's Unique Scheme for Aiding Bazaar Funds," an individual who hides his identity under the title of the Secretary, Syston Lodge, 35, High Road, Streatham, S.W., offers to supply soaps, perfumery and toilet requisites sufficient to stock a stall on the understanding that half the proceeds are returned to him. In this manner he claims to have handed £5,000 to charities in two years. If this scheme is "unique," it must be the same as that of "Wheedling Wheeler," of Paddington, whom we exposed over a year ago, and nothing but a hypocritical bluff.

It Pays to Wait.

Kathryn B. Firmin, who runs a concern called Solvene, Ltd., at 193-197, Regent Street, W., claims to have discovered "The Long-Lost Secret of Ancient Rome," which explains how women's faces were kept free from superfluous hair, and seems anxious to tell the world all about it for a fee of two guineas. If the weird compilation of hysterical balderdash which accompanies this offer fails to induce people to pay two guineas, the price is reduced to ten shillings. It must be very galling to those who have jumped at the first offer to find that they could have saved three quarters of their money.

The Wrong Shop.

A successful "Bullets" competitor tells us that after his name appeared as a prizewinner he received a communication from Davis and Brown, 4, Quay Street, Deansgate, Manchester, saying, "We are pleased to inform you that you are one of the 250 we have selected this month to receive our Bargain Parcel along with our free Prize." All he had to do was to send them a P.O. for 5s. 9d., when he would receive a parcel of goods, a free prize, and "instructions to receive the £5." We are surprised that the firm have not more sense than to send such clap-trap to JOHN BULL readers.

The Human Machine.

Seek Your Self!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

THE problem of self-confidence hinges to a great extent on what one conceives to be one's true self. A man's self has many sides, and not all of them are of importance.

Any given side of a man's character may, in the course of a lifetime, be developed and become the distinguishing mark of that man. But it becomes real only in so far as the other sides, the other possibilities, are more or less suppressed.

The feeling of humiliation which those who lack confidence feel so keenly springs from failure. Something has been attempted, the result is poor and unsatisfactory, and the inevitable comparison arises with someone else who has done the same thing well.

It follows that it is of the highest importance to be sure that the self on which we stake all our hopes and aspirations is really the truest and deepest side of us. A calm and honest review of our powers and our desires is the true beginning of an attempt to increase confidence.

Ambition is indeed a wonderful lever; but be sure the urge is in a direction that accords with what you feel is in your power. And be sure, too, that the goal is worth the trouble of attaining.

"Make thy claim of wages a zero," said Carlyle, "then hast thou the world under thy feet."

Expect nothing, in other words, and you will not be disappointed! But any success you do achieve will be so much incentive to go forward to new conquests.

Distinguish, too, between those whose opinions of you matter and those whose criticism is idle interference.

Not everybody has the power to hurt you—unless you over-rate your worth.

There is a lot in Carlyle's blunt remark, "I tell thee, blockhead, it all comes of thy vanity!"

TRAGIC STORY OF A CASTAWAY

A DEAF MUTE'S HARROWING EXPERIENCE

Eternity in a Blind Alley

NEXT to blindness, we can imagine no greater affliction than to be born deaf and dumb. Never to hear the tender tones of a mother's gentle crooning or the merry laughter of happy playmates is, surely, almost as much as blindness—"to live a life half dead, a living death."

Into such a world of stony silence was born Ernest Cheshire, and the tragedy of his affliction was accentuated by the circumstances of his childhood. He has just reached man's estate, and we can find little in the story of his life to relieve the pathos of his existence.

The Lord Bishop of London, President of the Royal Association, in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb.

He has known practically nothing of parental affection or solicitude for his welfare, for before he was nine years of age his father deserted his mother and went abroad, never to be heard of again. With three brothers, he became chargeable to the Hampstead Guardians, the mother being unable to support them.

Except for those early years spent in an atmosphere that must have been far from favourable, he has no knowledge of home life whatever. His brothers were sent to an industrial school in Devonshire, and he was placed in an institution for deaf and dumb boys at Homerton. From that day until a few weeks ago he never even saw his mother.

He remained in this institution, to all intents and purposes a loveless castaway, until he was sixteen, learning carpentering and gaining the reputation of a bright and intelligent boy who with continued care and assistance might overcome the difficulties of his affliction.

At that age he had to leave, and as it was found impossible to trace his mother so as to ascertain whether she had any wishes regarding his future, he was eventually sent to Tower House, Erith, Kent.

For some reason he ran away from there, and when found by the police was returned to Tower House, where he has been for the last few years.

Tower House appears to be a home for deaf and dumb mutes of all ages irrespective of mental capacity, which in the cases of many of the forty odd inmates installed there is certainly not high, though not sufficiently low for certification. Instead of being afforded opportunities of continuing at his carpentering in congenial surroundings and fitting himself for an independent career of usefulness, the boy was thrust willy-nilly into this asylum for the afflicted.

An Avenue to Nowhere

The Superintendent, a Mr. May, was paid by the Hampstead Guardians for the lad's maintenance. He employed him as a kitchen scullion. And he paid him twopence a week!

The boy was soon reduced to a state of abject misery. Day in and day out, through weeks which lengthened into months and years, rising at 6.30 each morning and retiring at 8 each evening, he continued numbly at his allotted tasks.

Whether Mr. May was aware of it or not, the lad's life was made unbearable by other inmates who ill-treated him, and there was no means of escape from their torments. Yet even a deaf and dumb slave may make a bold bid for freedom.

Early in the New Year, when a thick fog lay over London, there was a timid knock at the mother's door. A pallid young man, in terrible distress, dumbly handed her a note which read as follows:

"Dear Mother,—Let me come and live with you. I will work and do all I can to help you. They are beating me at Tower House. Two men in the kitchen are always quarrelling with me. Please let me come in."

It was her deaf and dumb boy who had broken from his bondage and traced his mother to her single room tenement. She took him in and gave him food, which he ate ravenously.

Of two evils—which?

The following day she went with him to the Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, who provided for his temporary maintenance and undertook to communicate with the Hampstead Guardians on his behalf.

Briefly put, the Guardians now offer two alternatives—Tower House or the workhouse.

The first fills the poor fellow with inexpressible dread, and it would obviously be cruelty to compel him to return there. The workhouse is about equally inviting to him.

Cannot some other means be found of providing a home and useful occupation for him, or must he remain for ever in a blind alley, living a life half dead?

Here is a young man, heavily handicapped in the race of life, but eager to utilise the skill of his hands in assisting himself and those who are near and dear to him. The institutional system of the Poor Law does very little to help him to rise on stepping stones of his past to better things. What he needs is encouragement and honest labour. This he is denied.

Mirages and Miracles

Club's Very Secret Correspondence

NOTHING can be more cruel than to hold out to the unemployed hopes that may prove to be illusory, and to approach them in their difficulties with tempting propositions that may take from them even their last few shillings.

The following advertisement, which recently appeared in a London daily paper, is an illuminating instance.

"Domestic help wanted. As housekeeper-manageress for widower: small select private hotel: age about 25: lady-like: good refs. Box 39."

We don't know how many people answered. But one lady was amazed to receive a stereotyped letter from "The Excelsior Correspondence Club," 32, Nuns Road, Winchester, together with a stack of documents that placed before her some rather startling propositions.

The covering letter was signed "Rose Scott, Secretary," and pointed out that the advertisement was "a specimen of one of the hundreds of notices appearing in this month's Excelsior Club's Register (2s. 6d. post free).

Some of the advertisements in the Excelsior Club's Register are rather interesting. Under the heading of "Ladies" is the following: "Young woman, 24, robust and active, passable appearance, used to milking and all dairy work, would entertain the idea of matrimony with small farmer or small-holder."

Under the heading of "Gentlemen," there are several like this:—"Bachelor, 28, farmer, good position and sound income, would like to make the acquaintance of girl of position: no dolls: widow no objection."

The applicant shuddered when she learned that for four guineas a year she could become a member—this fee to entitle her to all sorts of privileges and, amongst other things, a copy of the monthly Club Register, which is free to members and a half-crown to the people who answer Mrs. Scott's advertisements in the hope that they are going to get suitable work.

We do not like Mrs. Scott's Excelsior Club, more particularly because members have "solemnly to affirm that I join the Club on the understanding I shall receive the full facilities of the Club for introduction throughout my membership; that all my communications shall be treated with inviolable secrecy, and that on my resigning membership or any time on demand all my correspondence with the Secretary shall be returned to me."

We pass over the objectionable practice of people who advertise work with the object of dunning the unemployed applicants with requests for sums of money ranging from half-crowns to four guineas. But many people might quite reasonably ask why there is so much secrecy, of the inviolable type, about the correspondence?

A Mystery Collection

Children's Ballot Scandal

A MONTH ago, alone among the Press, we warned the public to have no dealings whatever with an organised effort which had then just begun to raise money for the "children's hospitals" of London. We discovered that the promoters were making an audacious misuse of the names of these hospitals to push tickets in a competition being run from the office of Ginnett & Co., 7, Bear Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.

Nor was that all. They were actually telling people that Scotland Yard had approved their scheme. We did not believe it, and when we communicated with Mr. G. R. Edwards, O.B.E., the Assistant Secretary at Scotland Yard, he agreed with us that the statements were utterly false and misleading.

Leaping without Looking

Thousands of people took our advice and refused to buy the tickets in this "Children's Hospitals" Competition from the agents who have touted from door to door, and hotel to hotel. But a large number of people have paid their money in the firm belief that they were helping the children's hospitals.

Our article appeared a month ago. Since then much has happened to show that it is easy to be wise after the event. Warning paragraphs have appeared in nearly every newspaper against this competition, and letters from the secretaries of the principal children's hospitals in London have been sent to the Press saying that their boards of management had never authorised the use of their name in this connection.

Duped and Doped

Last week two men were arrested and charged with obtaining charitable contributions by fraud. They were selling tickets in this particular ballot. The Commissioner of Police regarded them as more or less innocent dupes of the people who were running what the prosecution "had no hesitation as characterising as a swindle and a fraud."

It is all very well putting into the dock two men—and only two—of a very large number—who, under the instructions of the promoters of this ballot, have been selling tickets on a wholesale scale. But what of the real offenders—Mr. C. F. Bates and a woman who has been working very actively with him.

If these people have not committed a criminal offence in obtaining money from the public for a specific purpose and ostensibly for a number of institutions who deny all responsibility and knowledge of their activities, we certainly think that the police must do something in the public interest to find out how much money has been collected, where it is, and what is to happen to it.

Meantime, we strongly advise our readers not to subscribe any further money to this very strange and mysterious ballot.

A Baby Born to Die

A first offence tragedy

THE Magistrates at Thorple-le Soken, Essex, are very jealous of the rights of property. They sat recently to decide what punishment should be meted out to two young men who had stolen fifty-four pounds of coal, valued at 1s. 2d., from a coal yard belonging to Messrs. May, Ltd., at Frinton-on-Sea.

There was Mr. J. H. Sizer in the chair, supported in his determination to administer stern justice to wrong-doers by Mrs. P. Coleman and Messrs. W. Boastred, W. R. Dockrell, E. J. Childers and M. Baker. The passion for protecting property against law-less depredation burned brightly in each breast, but there seems to have been little compassion for suffering humanity in any heart.

In the dock stood Percy John Bailey and Albert E. Smith, willing labourers when labour is to be found, brothers-in-law living in the same house, and brothers in adversity sharing the same hardships in the struggle for existence.

Urged by Poverty

Both had long been out of employment, and Smith, who had worked for a few weeks on a road improvement scheme, had earned less by his labour than if he had remained idle and drawn the "dole."

They pleaded guilty, and urged in extenuation of their offence that they had never been "in trouble" before, and had yielded to the temptation presented by tons of coal lying unguarded in the yard, and taken a little for the sake of their children, who were crying with cold and hunger in a cheerless, poverty-stricken home.

These extenuating circumstances did not mitigate the severity of the penalty imposed upon them by the Thorple-le-Soken Justices. "This sort of thing must stop!" declared Mr. J. H. Sizer, and sentenced the brothers-in-law to a week's imprisonment with hard labour, adding a few words of compliment to the Police for bringing the matter to light.

Shadows at Home

As first offenders, Bailey and Smith might well have been treated more severely. In the case of Smith, the imposition of a fine instead of imprisonment would in all human probability have prevented the tragedy which followed.

His wife and two children were suffering from influenza and the former was nearing the time for renewing mankind's eternal martyrdom.

When Smith came out of prison and returned home, he learned to his horror that she had collapsed with fear when the police informed her of the sentence, and two hours later had passed through the vale of agony, giving birth to a little life which had feebly flickered and died out.

The rights of property have been vindicated.

ASTOUNDING CULT EXPOSED

MISSING GIRLS: A MYSTERIOUS SOCIETY

New Clues in the Elise Mendel Case

SINCE, last week, we unfolded the ghastly story of the missing Dutch girl, Elise Mendel, whose parents are leaving no stone unturned to find her, dead or alive, we have been given three important clues from places so far apart as Greenock and Millwall. These are being followed up and, as they suggest that the girl is still living, there is hope that she will soon be restored to her parents.

Secret of the River

This is only one of the mysteries as can be seen by the fact that when, a short time ago, the body of an unknown young girl, still in her teens, was taken by the police from the River Thames, upwards of a hundred agonised mothers made enquiries at the mortuary to see if the poor girl was their missing daughter.

Where, then, do these vanished girls go? The police at Scotland Yard know that many of them are induced to houses of ill fame; others taken abroad and reduced to some of the worst forms of living, and hundreds every year drift on to the streets.

Many girls answer advertisements for positions in chiropodists' establishments, hat-shops, as mannequins, and the like, and soon find themselves on the road to the underworld.

More Lust than Love

There is a notorious gang of immoral rascals at work to-day whose aim it is to establish a world-wide Love Cult

The Editor of the *Kilkenny Moderator* recently received a suspicious advertisement for insertion in his paper. It came from Mr. T. A. Sproul, 12, Day Street, Haverhill, Mass., U.S.A., and read:

"Working girls, with references, who would marry elderly working men in U.S.A. and work in U.S.A. . . . Write Workers' Bureau, etc., U.S.A."

Being a reader of JOHN BULL, the Editor sent this remarkable document to us for investigation, and communicated with the Haverhill Police. Enquiries were made, and Mr. Irving Hussey, Captain of the Police Department of Haverhill, reports that, as far as he can gather, the man Sproul is somewhat demented, is known in the section of the city where he lives as a hermit, and that he is not a reliable person.

The Editor of the *Kilkenny Moderator* is not satisfied that Sproul is demented. Neither are we. We consider that the International Police should make a searching enquiry into his movements, as the dodges of the agents of the Love Cult gang are such as would even lead one of them to pretend, for the purpose of obtaining girls for the Cult, that he is insane.

Woman-defiler in Chief

The most notorious agent of the Love Cult in America is a man named Baker. He has many aliases, and it is a well-known fact that a number of his disciples have recently arrived in this country for the purpose of spreading his deadly doctrine.

There is an elusive person in the West End of London who poses as a doctor. He has a string of aliases, and spends most of his time finding women and girls for the White Slave gang. He uses the best hotels, dines with his dupes, introduces them in the course of the evening to his various clients, and talks freely of the doctrine of "Love as thou wilt shall be the whole of the law."

We warn the police that the head of this gang, the notorious Aleister Crowley, the Human Beast of all time, who has lured more erotic creatures to their doom than any other living soul, is actively negotiating for the fulfilment of his dreams, a Love Cult "Temple" in every civilised country in the world.

Although the American police threw him out of America, and the Italian police expelled him from Sicily, he was in London a few weeks ago conferring with his agents in Chelsea and is at present directing the operations of his gang from Paris.

Elise Mendel

He proposes to erect a "Temple of Love" in England. It will be built on the same lines as that which he is at present working on in Roseville, Sydney, New South Wales.

His agent there is Frank Bennett, of 15, Emmett Street, North Sydney. Bennett, who does not deny that he is a devotee of the Crowley doctrines, which include the most immoral forms of erotic vice, the baptism of disciples upon the senseless forms of doped women, and a thousand things more horrible and completely indescribable, is likely to be the High Priest of the Australian Temple.

We do not want this lascivious and pernicious propaganda preached in England. We do not want the agents of this gang to entice young girls from their homes, and to induce them by their foul methods to part from their parents for ever, swallowed up in the limbo of lost souls.

Corner House Courtesy

Honourable old age cruelly humiliated

"THE creed of the street is that old age is not disgraceful, but immensely disadvantageous." So wrote Emerson in one of his famous essays. If we may judge by the humiliating experience which recently befell a venerable reader, the creed of Messrs. J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., Caterers By Appointment to His Majesty the King, is that old age is unworthy of common courtesy, let alone special consideration.

Mr. W. B. Powell, of 5, Great Woodstock Street, Nottingham Place, W., is eighty-five years of age. He is an engineer by profession, and though he is no longer actively engaged, England and the Overseas Dominions contain many evidences of his skill in planning urban water supply schemes and irrigation works.

For over sixty years which he has spent in the West End of London he has preserved an unblemished reputation as a gentleman of honour and integrity, and though he is now in somewhat reduced circumstances, he has a host of friends and, one would imagine, not a single enemy.

Ever since Lyons & Co., Ltd., was first established, Mr. Powell has made it his habit to patronise its restaurants daily. It has been his custom recently to take tea at the Coventry Street "Corner House" between 4.30 and 6 p.m., when the music provided has afforded him one of the greatest pleasures of his declining years.

On Christmas Day, following his custom, he was leaving the place when he met some friends who invited him to celebrate the occasion by joining them in a meal and a bottle of wine. He accepted their invitation and returned to the restaurant with them.

When the party broke up, he was astonished to find himself accosted by several officials and hustled none too gently through a crowd of people, who must have thought he had committed some crime, to a private room. Here it was made clear to him that his presence in the restaurant was considered undesirable.

The reply to his written protest against this humiliating treatment lies before us, signed by Mr. Julius Salmon. It says, "The course taken was in view of the fact that you had spent six hours in the Corner House with an expenditure of 10d."

The more important fact that for the greater part of the time the old gentleman was a guest and his personal expenditure was, therefore, limited to his tea bill is entirely ignored

This is not the only complaint we have had from humble customers of the Caterers by Appointment to His Majesty the King, but this instance will suffice to show what even old age may expect in the way of courtesy at the Corner House.

A Catch in the Cigarette

A Black-listed Woman

SOME enterprising people are particularly busy just now flooding the country with circulars offering shares to the unwary in a concern called the Carnival Cigarette Company.

The circulars are worded in extravagant language, and, to anyone who knows anything about stocks and shares, the offer is both comic and childish. But the touts of the Carnival Cigarette Company, who are working from an office at 44 46, Kingsway, London, W. C., know that most of the poor people they specially cater for are easy victims for the traps they set for them.

The shares in the Carnival Cigarette Company are valued—on paper—at a shilling each. The Kingsway philanthropists are offering some quarter of a million of them at one and sixpence—the bait for immediate sale being that the price of a share will be "advanced to two shillings in the near future." This wheeze is, of course, as old as the hills.

No information is given as to the trading operations of the Carnival Cigarette Company, and, as far as we can gather, it has no outstanding merits to commend it. There are one or two interesting reasons, however, why we regard the present offer as a booby trap for poor people.

Housed in the same Kingsway office are two other concerns named the Sentinel Trust Company and the Sterling Trust Company. Both are share-pushing agencies of the most audacious type. The guiding spirit behind them is a woman named Bedingfield, who has long been black-listed as an unreliable medium in this class of business.

There is one use that can be made of the Carnival Cigarette Company circulars—to save matches when lighting decent cigarettes!

I.O.F.'s I.O.U.'s

NO insurance company or friendly society in a sound position would deprive an old man approaching seventy of his entire contributions paid over thirty years on a £400 policy because he could not meet the increased premiums demanded a few years ago. There ought to be some kind of surrender value.

Yet this instance, which comes from Belfast, is typical of many brought to our notice since the publication of our previous exposure of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Everything may look sound on the balance-sheet, but there is one item of 16,222,100 dollars against "policy loans," representing about 40 per cent. of the assets, which requires explanation. It happens that all pre-1917 members were debited with I.O.U.'s against the I.O.F. to the extent of £5 for every £100 insurance, the debt being set against them in order to create a standard of solvency.

What percentage of the sixteen million dollars is represented by these loans which the borrowers never had?

A DEN FOR DESPERADOES

Notorious Headquarters of the Underworld

IT will amaze the public to learn that the notorious Eden Club of 5, Eden Street, Hampstead Road, N.W., which came into such evil prominence at the time of the Barney Blitz murder last November, is still open. One effect of the trial was to expose the Eden Club as the habitual resort of some of the worst characters in London, and long before Mr. Justice Salter passed sentence on Solomons, a number of persons, including Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., the defending counsel, expressed the hope and belief that the club's death-warrant had been signed.

Instead of this the place is still flourishing, apparently not a bit the worse for the events which three months ago caused its name to stink in the nostrils of every decent citizen.

Readers who have followed our exposure of the London race-gangs will know the sort of villainy that is hatched in places like the Eden Club. The fact that such a place is permitted to continue its catering for the worst desperadoes of the Metropolis, without interruption by the police, lends colour to the belief that certain of the race-gangs and their friends are above the law.

Damaging facts about the Eden Club were brought out at every stage of the Solomons trial. These facts were uncontradicted. Everybody at the Old Bailey, including Mr. Justice Salter and the counsel on both sides, assumed that as soon as the jail doors clanged behind the man who had escaped the gallows the Eden Club would at once be compelled to shut up shop.

Yet, in spite of these facts, and others of a still more lurid nature, the place is allowed to go on. It is time the Commissioner of Police began to make special investigations in the hinterland of the Hampstead Road.

The race-gangs openly boast that the police dare not interfere with them. This we do not believe, for whatever defects they may possess the Metropolitan Police are not deficient in courage; but the fact that the most sinister suggestions are being bandied about so freely wherever the racing ruffians congregate is surely an additional reason why action too long postponed should be no longer delayed.

This so-called club is thoroughly well-fitted up, with billiard-room, card-room, dining-room, and lounge complete. It may safely be assumed that the place is coining money for the astute gentlemen who run it. Who are the members? Some of them may be respectable, but the Old Bailey disclosures proved that the majority are not. Many of them are quite definitely criminal, and they go there not only to drink and gamble but to conspire against the laws of the realm.

The existence of such "clubs" enables these dangerous gangs to keep in touch with each other, and facilitates the plotting of crime. The Eden Club must be closed.

If the Commissioner of Police does not take action we foresee the day, and that soon, when another ghastly happening like the Blitz affair will again cast a lurid flashlight on this so-called "social" club, whose immunity after the scathing exposure of the Old Bailey trial is not easy to understand.

Insurance and Lingerie

WE are receiving a number of complaints concerning an enterprising company which calls itself The West Riding and Counties Insurance Company, Limited, lately of 34, Ludgate Hill, E.C. The name sounds imposing enough; but the only imposing thing about this company is the way it imposes upon other people.

It is not, by any means, a financial bulwark. As a matter of fact it is nothing more than a name, and has never been anything else. Until a few months ago it lay quite dormant.

The usual books of reference know nothing of it as an insurance company, and it is quite clear that it has little, if any, capital. But it has lately acquired a large number of goods from various firms on credit, for which it has shown no willingness or indeed intention to pay.

One man, who has served his firm faithfully for many years, recently sanctioned a credit account with the West Riding and Counties Insurance Company, Limited, and, like so many other people, is still looking for his money. The goods he supplied were not in the least of the kind one might expect an insurance concern to inquire—they were articles of ladies' wearing apparel!

There is no need for us to enumerate the many cases where goods have been obtained by this bogus insurance company on credit, and where the deluded firms who supplied them have so far unavailingly and repeatedly tried to obtain payment.

But—if the people who have been thus caught had made a little enquiry, with out rushing to do business with a firm which purported—on paper—to be a gold-plated and gilt-edged concern, they would not only have discovered that it had no money, but also that the leading light behind it, a gentleman who describes himself as Mr. T. H. Williams, is an ex-convict who has quite a pleasant way of playing ducks and drakes with people who are foolish enough to have business dealings with him.

We do not know how many clients have done insurance business with this concern; we sincerely hope not many. But it is clear that if the Company Law is not strengthened to prevent dormant companies from being dug up by rogues, whose only desire appears to be, as in this case, to obtain goods on credit with no intention of paying for them, another form of "insurance" had better be introduced to safeguard the small trader.

Peters Peters Out

PANTOMIME becomes tragedy when the fortunes of the actors are in the hands of managers with neither the financial standing nor the personal integrity sufficient to justify their being placed in control of a barrel organ.

The latest of the fraternity to cause misery to the artists employed for the season is Billy Peters, who, along with Redge Preston, has been running a concern called the P. & C. Productions Company.

Whatever "P. & C." stands for, it does not mean "Prompt and with Cash," for after a six weeks' run, Peters petered out at Spennymoor, with not a penny more available than could be raised on the scenery. The company were stranded without the price of their fare back to London.

Another pantomime to come to grief is "Dick Whittington," toured by Charles Sidney and Arthur Lester of United Productions. Mexborough was the scene of the collapse, and however much some of the 30 stranded artists would have liked to "turn again" back to London, they were unable to do so owing to the fact that Mexborough is not within easy walking distance of Bow Bells.

"Dick" herself apparently saw the crash coming, for a fortnight ago an attractive advertisement was inserted in a theatrical paper for someone to play principal boy during the remainder of the tour.

An artist living at Blackpool, where the company happened to be, was taken on, being promised three weeks' work certain, and, a solid three years' contract to follow.

On the strength of the promise she ordered the costume which she was to provide, and for which she was personally liable. It was not until the day before she was due to travel with the company that her suspicions were aroused by the news that the old members of the company were clamouring at the office for their salaries.

She was later informed that there was "some bother" with the company, the run would end on February 7. The run, in fact, ended two days before that with the stranding of the whole company.

When will the authorities insist on the registration of all touring managers?

BIRTH CONTROL and RELIGION

IT is easy to shed tears over trifles—easy to wax indignant over the cruelties of the past. What of those of the present? The tragedies at our doorstep are caused by the wrong values we set on human life.

by Dr. W. E. ORCHARD
(Minister of the King's Weigh House Church)

WHAT tragic irony there is in the fact that thousands of good people shudder at the thought of the Innocents slain by Herod while no instinct of horror stirred at the crimes perpetrated on infancy these modern times. There is something lorable in the thought that we can be aghast horror at the evils of the past but remain pletely unmoved by those of the present. we shudder with horror at an event like the sacre of the Holy Innocents, there are a good y other things in the world which should e us shudder just as much. It has been said it is only in a Christian country that you the necessity for a Society for the Prevention ruelty to Children.

eal Christianity roused the public conscience inst the age-long practices which damaged nt life hundreds of years ago, and the same should rouse the public conscience against ntieth century Herodism and the modern ghter of the Innocents.

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present we are often urged to avert the ning birth rate by encouraging the large lies that were common a generation or two

t it is forgotten that along with these large lies there often went a correspondingly y death roll, and it was no uncommon thing ear a woman boast not only that she had so many, but also that she had buried so . The declining birth rate leaves our lation still increasing, because of the ures that have been taken to diminish t mortality.

t still far more children die before twelve hs old than need be if there were not such ance, carelessness and bad housing con- s. One effect of this mortality is that it tes unequally on male and female, with the that, although boys and girls are born in numbers, girls only survive in such a ity as helps to constitute a further m.

this is due to the misconception of the se of marriage. It means that there must rly two million women in England who ce must remain unmarried. It also means omen have not the same power of choice n have, and that is bad for themselves and e race.

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n there is the cruelty to which little n are sometimes subjected. It is an thing to murder a child's life; but it is ightly less dreadful to preserve a life, and preserve it under conditions which make ery.

unately we have got past the days when n of tender age were sent to work in the s, and when they were subject to nearly penal conditions then all too severe even case of adults. But much remains yet to e to give to child life that opportunity is so widely recognised, first of all as its ght, and secondly as the greatest in- e we can bequeath to the next generation. ren who are born in the slums are often healthy and always as beautiful as those happier surroundings. The fact that their physical strength and their happy mentality are retained for so long ought only to be a greater condemnation of the fact that later on circumstances in which they live tell upon them and perpetuate a most undesirable and most unhappy type.

It is not many generations ago either that parents exercised authority over their children that was almost equivalent to entire possession, and indistinguishable from benevolent slavery. This repression often led to rebellion. But neither repression nor rebellion are good things for development of a child. It still needs to be more widely recognised that the soul of a child belongs first to God, and then to itself, and then only after that in any degree to its parents.

Unwanted Children

One of the considerations which ought to govern all relations between the sexes is that an unwanted and an unacknowledged child starts with a terrible handicap in life. And this not only should be a sufficient ban, among serious-minded people who pretend to be more than animals, upon anything that would lead to an illegitimate birth, but it ought to operate equally within the marital relationship. There is such a thing as an unwanted child, and sometimes parents have either not attempted to conceal or have not succeeded in concealing this fact from the knowledge of the child.

The Rev. W. E. Orchard, D.D.

Rising by Restraint

Christ's teaching about the sanctity of the human soul would undoubtedly have some bearing on the problem of birth control. It must be admitted that beside abortion and infanticide artificial contraception is a much less grave evil. It cannot in any way be described as the destruction of a human soul.

Moreover, in many cases it is due to the aim, however mistaken the method may be, of securing that birth shall be finer in quality, and the child shall be given a better chance in life. That some regulation of birth has to take place is perfectly obvious. If people cannot rise to restraint, then, in many instances, they must fall to this lower method.

This may have very serious effects. First of all there is no absolute certainty that if intercourse be admitted conception can be prevented. The use of any methods of thus interfering with nature is, in some cases, certainly dangerous. Even if it could be proved that there were no physical dangers whatsoever, there are psychological reactions which ought to be considered too. There is a feeling that somehow we have sinned in perverting the conception of love.

The thing that is causing this whole difficulty goes very deep; it is the decline of faith which is making it very questionable whether we have any right to bring a soul into this world at all if there is no immortal destiny in it. For if there is not a possible attainment to divine bliss it is very questionable whether life for the human species is worth continuing. It means such suffering, without any adequate compensation; it means the education of personality through such toil, to no sufficient purpose.

There is no doubt that the bearing of a child is becoming for a woman something the more to be dreaded because of our greater sensitiveness to pain. It only can be undertaken in the future if, first of all, the whole business of begetting and birth is treated much more rationally, and is invested with much greater sanctity. And also, only if we can have some clear idea that in this act we are not yielding to a mere animal impulse, or keeping a race going that has no real future, but are co-operating with God in bringing souls into existence, of whose ultimate happiness there are sure hopes.

In short, we must have a high outlook and purpose if the race is to be continued. If not what we want is not birth control but birth prevention.

Once we embark upon this business of interfering with the potentialities of human life there is no telling where we shall end. It will certainly spoil that very expression of love which some people regard as the all-sufficient sacramental sanctification of the sexual act.

Why Babies Are Born

We have, moreover, to fight against the eugenic idea being carried too far and the physical alone made the basis of fitness. Else we may find ourselves faced with political demands for the power to destroy human life because there is judged no room for it, or because it is thought to be unworthy of being preserved. And who is really capable of making such a decision?

It is not enough to see that a child is well born and has every chance of education. What the child most needs to know is why it was born. The solving of this problem of education means something much more that the problem we are involved in because of the quarrels between the churches and the difficulties concerning religious education in the schools. Before we can solve this problem, faith must be restored, so that both in the home and in the school, and finally in the church, every child has at least the chance of learning its supreme destiny.

Marriage and Parenthood

But all the suffering that has come upon the innocents since the world began will be useless unless as the years go by man understands God's purpose and rises to fulfil it.

In this respect the parents have a great part to play. Children have to be taught the worth and the purpose of their soul. Material considerations are to be brought into perfect subjection to the demands of the spiritual side of our beings. For the great plan of God is centred on the development of the soul of man.

The duty of parents in this connection is not merely an obligation; it is a sacred possibility. To achieve this is the true function of parenthood.

Both marriage and parenthood are acts of Divine importance for they have to do with the development of the soul. They are the nearest to the ideal marriage who seek this co-operation with God.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,—The Weir steel houses may or may not be any solution to the housing problem, but they may well be a useful temporary expedient. The fact remains that no steel houses are being built, nor are they likely to be. The subsidy under the Wheatley Act is not assured to any municipality that buys Weir steel houses—wherefore, not unnaturally, they are not being bought. What are you going to do about it? The country has ample evidence that you can talk beautifully about houses till the cows come home. It has, as yet, little evidence that you can also act. We don't want castles in the air but houses on the ground. JOHN BULL.

To THOMAS ALVA EDISON, West Orange, New Jersey, U.S.A.

DEAR EDISON,—As I invariably hear with deep interest any theory, however wild it may seem at first sight, propounded by yourself, I shall not dismiss as incredible your statement that it may be possible to devise apparatus to receive communications from the dead. I am the less inclined to be sceptical when you make it clear that you do not refer to "spiritistic messages so-called." If you had no hope of obtaining something better from the departed than the blatherskite and blitherings which come across through the agency of the mediums, obviously you would not waste time over the apparatus. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN GILMOUR, M.P., Secretary for Scotland.

DEAR SIR,—Pending the investigations and report of the Rent Commission about to sit on the Clydebank evictions, the least you can do is to order a total suspension of those evictions forthwith. The accounts of what is taking place read more like a Blue-Book on German atrocities in Belgium than of sober happenings in a civilised country. No wonder Mr. David Kirkwood characterises the conduct of the factors as "a return to primitive brutality." I trust you will, without delay, issue orders for such inhuman treatment of women and children to stop forthwith. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon, Sir AUCKLAND GEDDES, Chairman, Food Commission.

DEAR SIR,—I fail to follow you when you say that you have no evidence that large fortunes have been made by speculators in American wheat gambles. There is no need to go further than the columns of the daily Press to obtain it. To pretend ignorance of the fact that gambling in foodstuffs is an everyday occurence—by no means confined to America—is merely to confirm what I have long thought, that your Commission is a farce deliberately designed to throw dust in the eyes of the people. JOHN BULL.

Sir ARTHUR CROSFIELD, West Hill, Highgate.

DEAR SIR ARTHUR,—The announcement that a scheme is on foot, with yourself as one of the prime movers, to acquire playing-fields near all our big cities on an extensive scale, is welcome. Unless we are a healthy nation, we cannot remain a great nation; the surest way to health is in providing ample facilities for our young men and women to indulge their inherited taste for athletics. The present available space is hopelessly inadequate, and I therefore wish you and your colleagues every success in your excellent effort. In thus curing a C.3 nation you are doing A.1-service, JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir ARTHUR STEEL-MAITLAND, Minister of Labour.

DEAR SIR,—Just what is the point of displaying notices outside the Labour Exchanges stating that thousands of men are wanted in Canada? Any Canadian paper, with its doleful tales of unemployment and distress, gives the lie direct to such misleading posters. The truth is that Canada is in the throes of an even worse wave of unemployment than we are, and I cannot conceive the purpose of lying to our own unemployed on the subject. Probably, as usual, some one has blundered. I cannot believe that such mean tactics are deliberate. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. GEORGE SMITH, Jun., Butcher, Smithfield Market, E.C.

SIR,—As your name appears at the head of the signatures to a public appeal for a song extolling the merits of a diet of beef, ham, pork and lamb to counteract the effect upon your trade of the ditty, "Eat more fruit!" the only possible vocal expression of the present-day feelings of meat consumers would be a dirge. Until prices are considerably reduced, if we must eat meat, there's no need to make a song about it. JOHN BULL.

To the CHAIRMAN, Essex County Education Committee.

SIR,—At the time of the Burnham Committee on teacher's salaries the Local Authorities and the National Union of Teachers agreed to accept the award of an arbitrator as a binding settlement. Yet your Committee now has the impudence to announce that it intends to break away from this pact, and throw the whole question back into the melting-pot. Really, you ought all to be ashamed of yourselves. Between you, surely, you can muster a conscience. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. H. M. SWANWICK, Union of Democratic Control.

MADAM,—If all pacifists were as logical as you they would have less difficulty in obtaining the ear of the public. As you rightly contend, one of the chief objections to the continued occupation of German territory by Allied troops is that it furnishes the rising generation in Germany with a day-to-day demonstration of military power and privilege, and so tends to foster the very spirit we fought to destroy. A much-needed reminder! JOHN BULL.

To Mr. HENRY G. ROOTH, Lambeth Magistrate.

DEAR SIR,—You are to be congratulated on having shown both mercy and common-sense in merely binding over the poor woman who had been driven to steal a few small articles by the pressure of the moneylending harpy into whose hands she had fallen. You and your brother-magistrates see more than anyone else of the results of the tyranny exercised over the poor by these pitiless birds of prey. I hope you are doing all you can to move the Government to clip their wings and claws far more effectually than has hitherto been done. Meanwhile, your leniency in this case is all to your credit. JOHN BULL.

PROTECTED!

Straight from the Shoulder

WINSTON CHURCHILL: We must endeavour to practise good house-keeping in our national affairs.

Then stand up to the War Office and the Admiralty when they try to raid the pantry.

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EARL OF OXFORD: A man cannot lead unless he has followers who will follow.

It is, at any rate, a frank confession of the mutiny in the ranks!

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Mr. BALDWIN: I have never been influenced by what public speakers say on any side in politics.

What a complete exposure of the futility of politics and politicians!

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DONALD MATHESON: The L.M. and S. Railway will not be dictated to by the Marquis of Graham.

Good! And the public will not be dictated to by the L.M. and S.—or any other railway company.

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LADY ASTOR: I believe the age of man is about done.

So far we haven't seen any sign that women are prepared—or able—to make efficient substitutes.

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DR. LEONARD HILL: It is a fallacy to believe that it is possible to feed people into strength.

Which is not quite the same thing as underfeeding them into weakness—is it?

Without Fear or Favour

AT THE CROSS-ROADS

The Railway Deadlock

AT any moment the cloud which hangs over the railway industry may burst and engulf the whole nation in its ruinous flood. The men are making demands which are met with relentless opposition from the companies. Trade union leaders and railway shareholders are talking of "a fight to a finish." The war temper prevails.

Nor are the facts helpful. On an average the railwaymen are not receiving a wage commensurate with the value of their services to the public.

The companies, on the other hand, declare that as a matter of sheer business they cannot afford to continue wages at their present level and still make a profit.

We suggest that the Government should step in and appoint a Commission to assign responsibility for the railway muddle in the same way as the Sankey Commission did for the mines. Between the men and the masters stands the public, and no Government worthy of national confidence can stand by and see the community crushed.

There should be a legislative bar upon strikes and lockouts on the railways till the Commission has reported.

Meanwhile the companies must be deterred from their foolish policy of declaring a general policy of wage reduction, which in the men's present mood would certainly precipitate a crisis, in which the strikers would enjoy a large measure of sympathy from the wage-earning classes as a whole.

Lop-sided Law

IT is an irony that in our Courts of Law, where all men are supposed to be equal, the poor are most heavily handicapped. The poor man is at a gross disadvantage through his inability to buy the services of a legal defender. Too often his poverty and ignorance bar the road to justice.

There have been many cases of poor people being sent to prison when, if only they had known the ropes, they might successfully have lodged an appeal. Moreover, general ignorance of the law frequently brings the poorer class of citizens into conflict with the police.

The Home Secretary is considering a scheme for placing the services of magistrates more readily at the disposal of the poor for the purpose of legal advice. This is an excellent plan. It is fairer and cheaper to forewarn than to punish.

We shall look forward to the speedy adoption of the scheme foreshadowed by Sir William Joynson-Hicks. He has a golden opportunity to demonstrate the spirit of democracy.

We Warn Mr. Baldwin

IS the new Parliament concerned about the human needs of the people? If so, it must recognise no class interest, but must be on the side of the whole community

IT is twelve weeks since the new Conservative Government came into being. As we have already said, we consider it has spent far too long a-holidaying, but this week it has resumed its work, and its best way of making amends for a dilatory past will be by energetic application in the future.

There is plenty to do. There is a loud and clear call for constructive statesmanship. It is in no carping spirit that we recall Mr. Baldwin's attention to the highly interesting contents of the article he wrote for JOHN BULL at the time of the General Election.

The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.

The Conservative leader was not then Prime Minister; but we pay him the compliment of believing that he meant what he said. Conditions twelve weeks ago were much what they are to-day.

Food profiteering had reached a stage at which the public were crying out for drastic remedies. Mr. Baldwin proposed to tackle the problem by setting up a Food Prices Commission, which is now sitting, and bids fair to become the nation's most conspicuous "white elephant."

The Commissioners are toying with their problem, and exhibiting a grandmotherly tenderness for profiteers who are telling as much or as little of the truth as they please.

ONE important factor at the General Election was the belief that a Conservative Government would grant the taxpayer some relief from his cruel burdens. This hope seems to be fast receding.

It appears that that spoiled child of Whitehall, the Admiralty, is to have its way, and the taxpayer will be called upon to shoulder the expense of ten subsidiary war vessels and eight new 10,000-ton cruisers.

The case for new naval construction on such a scale as this is not made out on the merits. This increase in the armaments programme will mean heavier instead of lighter taxation; while the mad race for naval supremacy may easily end again in the blood-red riot of war.

Nor are we entirely satisfied with Mr. Baldwin's attitude on the question of Tariff Reform. In 1923 the policy of Protection was heavily defeated at the polls. Last October, Mr. Baldwin used the better part of valour, and won his way to victory with an anti-Protectionist pose. That pose must be converted into a position, and there must be no hankering after a tariff policy decisively rejected by the electors.

WE do not like the recent appointment of a Board of Trade Committee which is to be in all essentials a tariff-mongering caucus. This Committee, appointed by the Cabinet last week, is to have power to apply the exploded principles of Protection to selected industries. Of all forms of tariff manipulation there is none worse than this.

The air is thick with rumours of industrial strife. The new Government will need a stiff upper lip.

The Ministry, with the aid of Parliament, must concentrate on providing houses, employment, and cheap, pure food. If Mr. Baldwin fails in these three essentials, no amount of political cleverness will compensate the nation for the loss of those solid benefits it was promised twelve weeks ago.

Innocence Abroad

SINCE the antimacassar days of our grandmothers, ignorance and innocence have been confused terms; and in regard to sex matters ignorance may be the bitter reverse of bliss.

A few weeks ago the Hull murderer, speaking from the foot of the gallows, said, "Tell the children; it will save them from much." Behind this advice were the black-edged credentials of a ruined life.

It is a disastrous mistake to assume that young people are ignorant of sex matters. But in losing their ignorance they too often surrender their innocence. Knowledge comes in nasty ways, and the sacred emotions of sex are transmuted into something base and unclean.

As a community we pay the penalty. There are 20,000 prostitutes in London, and double that number in the rest of the country. There are diseased bodies in the special wards of our hospitals, and gangrened minds in our asylums.

Trace these physical and mental diseases back to their origin and it will, in many cases, be found that the contaminating source was the contact of youthful minds with sex knowledge wrongly imparted in life's most impressionable years.

What is the remedy? The wholesome desire of youth to know the facts of life must be satisfied in ways that are safe and sane. If parents shrink from the delicate task, it must devolve upon the teachers, the ministers of religion, the health visitors—who may be trusted to handle the subject with a lofty-minded sense of moral duty.

Tethered

WHILE the first law of Nature is Freedom, it would almost seem that the first principle of Life is Repression. Everywhere we hear the clanking of fetters. "Unloose the goat," cries the girl in Galsworthy's *Saint's Progress*, "and let it have a real run for once." So it is with men.

The other day a young man from a drapery store sat in the office of this journal. He felt that he had it in him to leave a permanent mark on the world's literature. But he was tethered to his office stool. In how many city offices may be heard the rattling of chains?

A million housewives hear the sound. They are shackled and bound. Romance visits them in fugitive dreams, but, manacled by domestic routine, they stifle their impulses and toil on.

Occasionally men and women rebel. Small wonder. It is so hard to be bound and cramped. Spiritual discontent often leads to material improvement.

The Roast Pig

BY robbing Peter we are trying to pay Paul. This hopeless policy must be scrapped and unproductive expenditure diverted into constructive channels. This is the only cure for the "scarlet fever" of Communism

by A. G. GARDINER

The Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, M.P., Minister of Labour.

"WHAT are the roots of this industrial unrest?" asks a correspondent. "Is it incurable, and are we doomed to perpetual strikes and upheaval until the whole fabric tumbles? Or is there a cure? And if so, how are we to apply it? Are the causes moral or are they material? Is it our system that is wrong or is it ourselves?" There are more questions, but these are enough for my present purpose.

And first as to the causes. I think they are both moral and material. When there has been a shipwreck, discipline is apt to go by the board. It is each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost. There has been the greatest shipwreck in history. The shipwreck of nations, civilisations, theories, systems, everything, and we are still in the tumult of the waters, struggling for land, snatching at rafts and ropes, fighting for our lives, all our traditions challenged, and all our primal instincts released.

It is not a nice moment to see us. We shall be ugly-looking fellows for a long time, until we feel the ground solidly under our feet and can recover the securities and the civilities of life.

BUT, besides this demoralisation, there is the economic convulsion. The war was an industrial revolution. It diverted all our energies from world trade into feeding one vast furnace. It created a wholly fictitious prosperity. Bo-bo found the roast pig delicious, but when he had eaten it he was left with the ashes of the house that had cooked it.

That is our case. We are left with eight thousand millions of debt, the interest on which hangs like a first charge on our production. Our customers have been hit harder than we have and cannot yet trade with us. Not only so, but their impoverished standard of living enables them to compete successfully with us.

Concurrent with this is the changed attitude of labour. During the war we spent lavishly without regard to economic consequences. We created the impression that when the need was there there was abundance for everybody, because we were mortgaging our future. Boys and girls earned wages that had been undreamed of in the past, the relative values of labour lost all their meaning, the road sweeper was paid like a skilled mechanic, and the land seemed to flow with milk and honey. The roast pig was very good indeed.

BUT what followed? The house had been burned down and the pig had been eaten. But the appetites created by the war remained, as well as the impression of an illimitable wealth on which the country could draw to satisfy them. There is, of course, no such wealth.

A country lives as it were from hand to mouth by its trade. Take away its trade and you take away the means by which it lives. And here is the fact on which labour comes to disaster.

There are roughly two elements of labour. There is that which is engaged in what are known as the sheltered industries—that is, industries which are essential to social life and are not in competition with foreign labour, such industries as transport, railwaymen, tram drivers, electricians, municipal workers and multitudes of others. They are in an entrenched position. If they stop, the functions of society stop. They are not in competition with the external world, and so long as the community can pay they can exact their terms.

THE other element is in a very different case. And it is the more important element, for it is engaged on the production of those commodities which pay for our enormous imports of food and raw material. Shipwrights, coal-miners, iron workers, steel workers, cotton operatives, woollen workers, etc. They are not sheltered. If the things they produce cost more than the world will pay they cannot compel the community to subsidise them. They are down and out. Their works are closed or put on short time.

Hundreds of thousands of these men have been unemployed or half employed for years. And the unemployed have gone on the dole which by increasing taxation increases still further the handicap of trade and the difficulty of producing at a competitive price for the world market.

It will be apparent from this, I think, that in so far as sheltered industries are receiving exceptional treatment they are receiving it at the expense of the producing industries. Their higher wages fall on the consumer, increase the cost of production and in doing so help to condemn the steel worker, the shipwright, the miner and the rest to unemployment.

That is one phase of the origins of industrial unrest. Another is the cost of living, due largely to that profiteering in food which has so often been dealt with in these columns. Let us turn to a third cause of that high cost of production which is preventing the recovery of trade. I mean taxation. I have called it the first charge on industry.

It seems incredible, but we are actually going to increase our military expenditure this year. With the German navy at the bottom of the sea and no rival in the world, we are going to spend ten millions more on the Navy, bringing the total to nearly seventy millions, or nearly as much as we spent on all arms before the war. Are there words to characterise this insanity?

Consider what might be done even with that odd ten millions a year. It would obliterate one of the gravest causes of unrest—the housing infamy. I have just been reading a book "Cancer of Empire," which ought to be in every house in the land. It is a description of housing conditions in Glasgow. It is more. It is a vision of hell. No more awful indictment of a civilised community has appeared in our time. When you have read it you will no longer wonder that the Clyde is fermenting with revolution. I shall return to the subject later.

ALL I wish to point out here is that, while the country is suffering from lack of trade due largely to heavy taxation, while millions of people are housed as pigs ought not to be housed, and while industrial unrest is universal, the Government proposes to add more than ten millions to our taxation to build a naval base at Singapore and to add still more ships to a navy that already dominates the world.

"John Bull" to the rescue

THE GIRL WHO

WHEN Justice proposes to punish an offender against the law with a money penalty, one may reasonably infer that the crime is not a very terrible affair. When the money penalty is fixed at so low a price as 40s., one might even suppose that the offence must be exceedingly trivial. But when the offender is so poor in resource as to be unable to pay this amount, it startles and horrifies one to learn that the alternative offered by Justice is the awful punishment of a month's imprisonment!

Consider the difference. To the magistrates imposing the sentence, what is the loss of £2? A middle-class man may spend that amount in taking his wife out to dinner and a theatre. Even to a Corporation dustman it is no more than a week's wage. But the other thing—the brand of the criminal, the indelible infamy of the prison taint, the stain on character that a whole life's good conduct can never wash out!

Who thinks the worse of a man or woman who has been condemned to pay a fine? Who that knows ever forgets or wholly condones the sinister mark left on the record of an individual who has been "a jail bird"?

Thanks to JOHN BULL some part of this stigma has been wiped out from the record of Alice Kirby, a servant girl of Selby, who was sentenced to a month's imprisonment because she could not pay a fine of 40s. The charge against her does not affect the present issue. The essential fact is that if she had had the money she would not have been sent to jail.

She wept in court and offered to pay the fine at the rate of 10s. a week out of her wages. The magistrates, one a building contractor, the other a retired farmer and churchwarden, told her that if she could not pay the fine in one sum she must go to prison.

She had never been in "trouble" before. She was placed in a cell next to that occupied by a woman charged with murder. She cried all night.

While several daily newspapers are trying to steal the credit it is only right to explain that it was the editor of this paper who telephoned to the Selby police, discovered that she was in Armley Prison at Leeds, spoke to the Governor of the prison, and arranged for her immediate release by telegraphing £3 contributed by one of our generous readers. It is one of the ironies of the case that as the girl had spent two days in prison, the fine had been reduced to 35s. Her two days' suffering and shame was assessed at

M.P. for Misery

WAR does not pay. The only people who have not learned that simple lesson are the Prussian fire-eaters and the British strike-makers. If we are to have prosperity the agitator must be turned down

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

The Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P., who is a staunch advocate of working-class unity.

SIGNS are not wanting that the summer ahead of us, on which so many hopes have been set, is to be used by the professional agitator for stirring up rave trouble between capital and labour. ommercial prosperity, struggling with desperate ifficulty to get upon its wounded feet, is to e struck down by order of "the men's aders."

I hope the men, who are responsible for their ives and children, will take a good look at these aders before they follow them into the morass f industrial anarchy.

One of Labour's cleverest agitators is Mr. ames Maxton, of Glasgow. He is a young man ith the pale face of a suburban elocutionist, the ng, lank hair of a provincial poet, the bright d burning eyes of an inspired prophet. Of sincerity no one entertains a doubt.

ALL we really know about him at present is the important self-confessed fact that he is stirrer-up of discontent." His longing is t to see the people of Great Britain contented, t discontented. He has not yet learned that r does not pay.

"I try," he said in a recent speech, "to stir up content." And with that he confessed that was not so successful as he could wish. Why t? He gave a reason. "The British nation," said, "is a very contented nation." Is there other reason? Is it not possible that this vid young fanatic of revolution has overlooked real cause of his comparative failure? Has not omitted to take into his count the natural ewdness of the British people?

It seems to me that any man of average ewdness could see his enmity to the happiness the people. He does not want them to be happy. He does not want them to prosper. Nothing could so cut the ground from under his feet as to see the British workman living in a house of his own, constantly in work, buying cheap food and cheap clothes in the shops, and enjoying sports at the week's end.

WHAT he wants to see, and what he loves with all the passion of his perverted and parasitical nature, is misery in all its thousand forms. On that he can prey. Misery provides him not only with arguments for his gospel of revolution, but with the platform of an agitator.

"The British nation is a very contented nation." I should not say that myself. To a man anxious to see the British working-classes brought by misery to a flaming point of exasperation, they may perhaps appear to be solidly and inconveniently contented; but to one who feels that their heroic qualities entitle them to far better conditions than those in which they now contrive to exist, and who knows them in their own homes, not merely from a platform, there is small evidence of real contentment in the ranks of our democracy.

But the discontent of the working-classes is of a higher order than the agitators desire to see. It is moral more than political. They are becoming discontented with themselves. Education has revealed to them, and is continually revealing to them in an ever sharper degree, the fact that happiness is a thing of the mind.

They begin to see that the agitator has misled them. They look upon him no longer as a champion of their rights and a loving sympathiser with their wrongs. They suspect him of being a humbug, and a humbug who doesn't really know what he is talking about. A revolution, most of them are now convinced, would not greatly better, and might very well much worsen, their physical conditions, and as for their minds—what happiness could a revolution confer upon the soul?

Evidence of this change in democracy may be seen in the recent outspokenness of men like Mr. Clynes and Mr. Thomas. It is not so long ago that neither of these men, brave as the former is, could have ventured to tell Labour audiences the truth of their industrial situation. Undoubtedly there has been a great change in the mind and soul of the people during the last year.

If the real leaders of the workers are not the men of straw some of us fear they may be, they will prove their mettle at the present time by placing themselves at the head of enlightened Labour and fighting the agitators who are busily conspiring for another orgy of strikes. Those agitators are not men to be afraid of; they are the merest blusterers, and vulnerable at every point. But unless they are fought, and fought hard, they can play such havoc with the organisations of Labour as will wreck the hopes of 1925 as a year of industrial prosperity.

LET me suggest to members of trade unions that they should be careful just now not to leave their affairs in the hands of small committees, and to take no further interest in the proceedings of those secret bodies. There are men in their midst who, by their own confession, do not want industrial prosperity, and who are far more determined to wreck the present system of industry than to consider the domestic happiness of workmen and their families.

Such men are ready to do anything which will lead to unemployment and despair, nothing that will lead to happiness and contentment. They are not friends of the workers, but positive enemies. Heckle them at a public meeting and they would be forced to confess that happiness and contentment are obstacles in their paths. Many of them do not want revolution, for revolution would find them out and reveal their ridiculous incapacity to the meanest intelligence; what they want is simmering unrest and a grousing discontent, because on unrest and discontent they can prey, as a vulture preys on carrion.

ONE thing surely is obvious even to the most stupid of men, namely, that if we are to have great schemes of social reform we must first of all have great industrial prosperity. But how can we hope for even a little industrial prosperity if production is limited and the industrial machine is continually being brought to a standstill by insensate strikes?

The agitator is not out to comfort the heart of the working-man, but to break the heart of the employer of labour.

...OULDN'T PAY

by ALEX. M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

If she had had money, if time to raise the ney had been allowed to her, if our readers had own of the case before the damning mischief was e, she would never have gone to jail at all.

To JOHN BULL's representative who met her at prison gates, the girl said: "On Monday, the Governor came in and said 'someone' in London has sent money for your release. I was put back, and my heart sank, but about 5.30 the matron said, 'Kirby, the Governor wants you to get your things, you are going out of here.' I could hardly believe my good fortune. When the Governor said 'You are free,' I broke down, and cried with joy; I could have kissed the Governor."

With money then, it appears, one may buy immunity from disgrace in England. With 5s. you may discharge two days' consignment to a felon's cell. The want of 40s. may sear your memory for the rest of your days, and stamp the mory of all who know you with the fact that you once the associate and companion of inals. Whatever fortune life may bring, tever distress or difference may come, e clings the stain that 40s. might have off.

"She? Pooh! Why, she is a jail bird." This is the reading of Law and Charity by a Warden of the Church of Christ.

The case clearly confirms my frequent plea that our unpaid magistracy are too cheap to be worth their keep. We can't afford judges who imperil a young girl's career and risk the ruin of her soul for a fee of 40s. That is not the way to check crime: it is the way to cause it.

The last annual report of the Prison Commissioners shows that it pays to treat young offenders against the law as we treat naughty children. It is a conclusive testimonial to the good results produced by judicial efforts "to save all who can be saved from a prison career." It once more attests the value of the "probation" system in saving first offenders from the slippery slope to the scrap-heap awaiting those who emerge from jail.

The men who know, know that many youngsters without experience of life, thoughtless, careless, buoyantly reckless, commit petty offences with no sense of responsibility or guilt. It is evident that they must be checked, they must be taught, they must be disciplined. But if we treat them with the Christian charity of the churchwarden of Selby, they are damned for life.

MEAT AND RIGHT

A "Joint" In-Vestey-Gation

by ASHLEY STERNE

CHARGED with contempt of court by attempting to throw dust in the eyes of the Food Commission, to whom he had not so much offered evidence as evadence, Lord Vestey pleaded "Guilty."

Mr. Watchdog, K.C., stated that the defendant is a director of the Union Cold Storage Co., Ltd., is closely associated with five other great meat concerns, including the River Plate, British and Continental Meat Co., Ltd., and is head of the Blue Star Line—a happy combination (if he might say so) of "weight and sea."

In his evidence Lord Vestey asserted that the average profit for 1924 on every pound of meat sold in his 2,356 retail shops was only .47 of a penny, thus leading the Commission to suppose that butchers functioned purely as philanthropists.

"Since his appearance before the Commission," continued the learned counsel, "one of the defendant's companies, the River Plate, British and Continental Meat Co., Ltd., has publicly offered a large issue of shares, holders of which, my lord, are told to expect dividends of over 12½ per cent. An auditor's certificate further states that the company's profits during 1922 and 1923 were not less than £400,000, while the prospectus hastens to assure the public, who, from the defendant's talk of infinitesimal profits would doubtless feel inclined to give meat investments the 'cold shoulder,' that the profits during 1924 should be even greater.

"My lord; these figures, like some aged joints, speak for themselves."

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MR. STRAWSPLITTER for the defendant, asked his lordship to consider the valuable services to the community which his client had rendered in the past, and urged that were he to withdraw from the meat trade the business might pass into unscrupulous hands which would make no bones about extorting from the pockets of the public, not a mere trifling percentage of profit, but a veritable pound of flesh.

"I do not dispute," concluded Mr. Strawsplitter, "that dealers seek to make profit out of meat, just as the persecutors of Daniel sought to make meat out of a prophet. But until profits on all foodstuffs are made unlawful, I submit that my client was both legally and morally entitled to make such profit as he could from what I may fittingly call his Vestey-ed interests."

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In sentencing the defendant, Mr. Justice Bull said: "It is not for me to hold the scales between business and morals. The defendant is not here charged with profiteering, but with misleading the Food Commission. It was abundantly clear to all that huge profits were being made out of meat—a kind of meat-extract against which my gorge rises—yet he alleged before the Commission that such profits were negligible!

"Consequently I order that all profits made by his firms over and above the figure he himself claims—halfpenny per pound—be confiscated and restored to the pockets of those from whom it has been filched."

Saints and Sinners

RESOLUTION—NOT REVOLUTION!

Cramping the Rebels' Style

by HESKETH PEARSON

CAUTION comes with age, and the fire-eating revolutionary frequently settles down into the convinced reactionary. Mr. Cramp certainly hasn't reached the latter stage yet, but he appears to be on the way there. Starting life as a market gardener—a quiet, conservative occupation, if ever there was one!—he joined the railway service when he was about twenty, and before becoming President of the N.U.R. in 1917 he was a Midland passenger guard at Sheffield.

Before the war his "wild and whirling words" were a feature of labour meetings wherever he happened to be. A feeble joke by an opponent of that time is still quoted by those who can't think of a better: "If only his tongue could suffer from his name, we'd have time to get at the facts."

UNQUESTIONABLY, he used to see red in the most harmful shades before Mr. Thomas took him in hand. The war, his experience as industrial secretary of the Union, and Mr. Thomas, have all had their share in toning him down. In the miners strike of 1921 he was a leading spirit in proposing the participation of the railwaymen and dockers.

The resulting fiasco also had a subduing effect upon him. In fact, this tall, dark man (the years have lightened up his hair a bit now) who used to threaten blood and fire at street-corners, has become a rather sedate, smooth-spoken fellow, who seldom breathes forth anything more terrifying than a compromise!

WHETHER he will travel as far along the road of respectability as his predecesor, Thomas, remains to be seen. But at present there is little enough to fear from him personally. He will "voice" the views of those he represents; he is hardly likely to hold aloft the fiery torch of civil commotion.

But however much he pines for peace, he'll have his work cut out to keep it, if the railway managers persist in their counter-proposals to the railwaymen's claims. Of course they won't persist—unless they are bent on trouble. *Their suggested reductions are merely put forward in order to obtain a compromise as favourable to themselves as possible when the dispute is referred to the National Wages Board.* It is important to remember that. I have it from an authoritative source. You see, if they didn't carry the war into the enemy's camp, they'd have to give far more ground than they want to.

Mr. C. T. Cramp.

IT'S appalling to think that all our industrial disputes are going to be conducted in this way—reasonable demands countered by unreasonable threats—while the rest of us look on helpless and wonder when *we* are going to have a say in a matter that concerns us all. The strike method is silly and wasteful and only excusable when the attitude of the bosses is inexcusable.

What is the solution? As long as masters and men are at one another's throats, no real solution is possible. But when the community is strangled and paralysed in the process, perhaps the Government will be forced to provide one.

CARTOONETTES and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

This sailor lad would drive one mad!
Tho' he's had food galore,
Right on the spot he's wolfed the lot
And now yells out for more!

"To your affairs and money cares
I'm deaf, you understand;
But, as a friend, I'll condescend
At times to 'lend a hand.'"

Tho' he may try that kite to fly
We fear he's like to fail;
It's plain that it can't rise a bit
With that weight on its tail.

"This is the shrine for me and mine!
Bow down and bend the knee."
"No! That may do," says John, for you,
But not for mine and me."

THE CUNNING SAUSAGE

WITH two-thirds of our diseases traced to over-eating and poisoned food, man realises that he wants little here below, but he wants that little pure

by Professor **R. E. SHEPHERD**

O sane man wants to swallow poison ; all sensible men would be the more at ease r an assurance that they are not ing so. But at present, for most us, our daily diet is very much a e of "Open your mouth and shut ur eyes!"

We hang the man who poisons ickly, but we hang on to the men o poison slowly. We won't have arge dose of weed-killer given to one person, but we don't mind mall dose given over and over in to thousands of people.

We should be furious with anybody o put corrosive chemicals on the ts for our back, but the coats of stomach are fair game for all ts of experiments. We seem to e watered down the Sixth Com- ndment into "Thou shalt not kill xcept by degrees!"

ofitable Poisoning

ince the war the Services have eloped a great business of their for purposes of domestic supply, ed Navy, Army and Air Force titutes, which has entirely super- ed the old haphazard and generally rupt methods of civilian contract. Services have had the sense to ise that Peace hath her gas- cks no less renowned than war. y have known it for the rotten nomics it is that men should be ed at public expense and oned for private gain.

he measures adopted are not a serious item in the overhead rges of the business. They involve a competent staff of chemists with suitable equipment, and the conviction that only the best is good enough.

Samples that are Not

Samples of all articles are sent to the laboratory where their inwardness is most thoroughly explored. If they stand this test, the goods may be bought ; but when they are bought, when they arrive in bulk, specimens taken at random are again most meticulously tested. If the sample was *not* a sample, then the deal is not a deal!

Preservatives, of course, are the chief cause of offence. They may preserve the look of the food, but they have a quite opposite effect on the membranes of the consumer. In sausages, these being specially sensitive subjects, if any preservative at all is found in their interior mysteries they are not accepted for the Forces. One cannot, apparently, be too careful of the sausage ; it has the cunning nature of the pig—even when it is made of dog!

As for tinned foods, these are all regarded as guilty until they prove themselves innocent; especially tinned vegetables, since they sometimes owe their fresh green appearance to the addition of copper salts—a "little daily dose" of which is apt to produce what may be called *that Russian feeling*—internal bolshevism!

Speaking generally, N.A.A.F.I. allows no preservatives of any sort whatsoever. All are poisons. The committee which recently reported on this subject recommended that two preservatives only be used, sulphur dioxide and benzoic acid.

But, ye gods, what names! Sulphur dioxidised food! Benzoic acidified drink! Speaking personally, I should prefer that the stuff went bad, for then I should throw it away, and fall back on bread and cheese.

What the Services have done for themselves, the public will have to do. The soldier, sailor principle will have to be extended to tinkers and tailors as well. The Sixth Commandment has got to be brought up to date, so as to bear upon this form of mild murder, these mouse-nibblings at the coats of John Bull's stomach.

A Capital Levy

One thing the public can do is to insist on the *British standard* of goods—not in any spirit of snobbery, but because chemists have found this to be the purest and best. Another thing the public can do is to see to it that the recommendations of the committee which recently reported on this subject are very shortly embodied in an Act of Parliament. This is a sort of "Protection" there will be no quarrel about, for the alternative is a perpetual levy on our capital of fitness.

There is nothing cranky or faddist about a determination not to be Poisoned. The Americans, one would think, might have turned their attention to bad tinned stuff before they prohibited good beer!

The famous Law of Moses consists of practical regulations aiming at the purity of food, and the extraordinary tenacity of life and purpose displayed by the Jews may well be owing to the observance of these rules.

Professor R. E. Shepherd.

The Jews may have been a "chosen" people precisely because they were so choice in their eating and drinking!

Moses, apparently, did not consider such matters at all beneath the dignity of the Almighty, and what was worth the Almighty's attention several thousand years ago is worth the British Government's now. We have painfully rediscovered the sound common-sense underlying the Mosaic legislation ; let us have a new Law of Moses.

Here is a tempting role for Mr. Baldwin! Let him descend with new Tables of the Law from the heights of Parliament Hill. He will find us all dancing round a tinned calf and other unclean idols!

If we expect our insides to show mercy towards us we must first do justly by them. And first of all we must show no mercy at all to the mild murderers and slow poisoners who would make this a land flowing with sulphur dioxide, benzoic acid, and worse!

The Risky Marriage

by **NORAH MARCH, B.Sc.**

BOUT half of the divorces in this country in 1923 were divorces of childless couples. s interesting to discover why rce should be comparatively so mon among marriages where there no children.

wo people marry presumably for best of reasons, and fail to make uccess of the marriage. They rate. If they can afford it, and hey can stand the unpleasant icity of the business, they get a rce, and the man goes his way, woman hers, often to re-marry.

ildlessness is sometimes wilful, know, yet sometimes, though a and and wife desire to have ren they seem unable to do so. etimes one or the other, if not may be incapable of pro- ing children.

her-martyrs

the other hand, there appear cases in which each partner in a less marriage is perfectly healthy quite capable of having children desirous of doing so, but they don't happen to do so. Why should be does not seem clear. It may be due to some sort of incompatibility of temperament, and it may be that each, with another partner would have children.

Motherhood brings much in its trail—work, anxiety, thought for the children, responsibility—all follow the birth of mother-love. How much this means no man can know. The childless woman who sees the daily life of the mother-woman, may come near to realising.

So much does it mean to the mother that if she is doing her duty as a mother, she can no longer be so intensely "wife" as before the children came. A marriage with children in it, is bound to be a less selfish affair than the childless marriage.

Fortunately, woman in body, mind and spirit, is built for the great task of motherhood, and to most women its labours are a joy and a pride. They fill the big spaces which the wane of the honeymoon is bound to leave. One cannot live at concert pitch all the time, even in the happiest of marriages, and it is well that another interest should arise when close acquaintance has made marriage a hackneyed affair.

In the early days and weeks of happy marriage, it seems to both partners, intent as they are in their love for each other, that there could be no room for a child : they are absorbed in marital love and in developing the generous comradeship of marriage.

But after a time they become accustomed to marital love, comradeship is an established fact : excitement wanes : the emotional strain of marriage lessens. There is then room in their lives—for another.

Two's Company, Three's Love!

If that Other is a child, there is safety. If that Other is some great work for the woman to do—creative, artistic, intellectual, social work, all may be well. When there is neither child nor work to fill the gap, there lies the danger—the danger with certain temperaments that each may become over-absorbed in sexual love, with the alienation which usually follows leading to disputes and unhappiness.

The danger is that marital love may die down, and one or the other—or both—may conceive another passion and crave for release. There is always danger in the marriage which has been entered into for sexual love only. The real social purpose of marriage is, after all, to secure the protection of children. Were there no children to consider there would be no social need for marriage.

It has even been suggested in America that childless marriages should, after a certain number of years have elapsed, become null and void. Some people have suggested two years as the limit and others apparently think that a longer chance to produce children should be given—perhaps five years.

Men as Big Children

Certain it is that the childless marriage is doomed to failure unless each partner is of such a temperament that comradeship is the main thing in marriage, and they can dispense with sexual love ; or unless the woman's maternal instinct is transmuted and finds its outlet in work of some kind such as I have instanced above ; or unless she naturally lavishes her innate mother-love as well as her wife-love on her husband. Most men are but big children after all and most women have both wife-love and mother-love to give them.

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Once I was miserably accustomed to slums and squalor; I was inured to ugliness. Now these things come upon me with a kind of shock.

Principal Kiek.

As I look on crowded courts and sunless alleys, my thought travels across the sea to the city of Adelaide whence I have recently come. In that city there are no slums, and in its streets you may walk long and far before you meet a shabbily dressed man or woman.

A MINIMUM basic wage that varies with the cost of living guarantees the humblest labourer against the worst exploitation, while in all the organised industries wages, hours and conditions are determined by arbitration courts that are certainly not biased in favour of the capitalist.

Australia believes in the doctrine that the first charge on industry should be the adequate maintenance of the workers engaged therein. There trade unionism is stronger than anywhere else in the world. Yet one remembers Ruskin's dictum that the true "commonwealth" consists far more in the character than in the material welfare of the citizens of the State. Far be it from me to suggest that material conditions are unimportant; it is obviously difficult, if not impossible, to attain to lofty standards of life and thought under the conditions so vividly described by Mr. Wheatley in a recent issue of JOHN BULL.

SUCH conditions are a scandal and disgrace to a nominally civilised and Christian community. I think it highly probable that I should become a Bolshevik, if not a dipsomaniac, if I had to live in a tenement on Clydeside!

Questions of health and housing, of work and wages, of food and transport, should be lifted out of the morass of Party politics. The fight against monopoly and exploitation should be part of religion.

Slumdom is thraldom alike for the body and the soul. Exploiters and profiteers are guilty of nothing less than a sacrilege when they extract filthy lucre from the victims of social extremity!

We can only attain the goal of character through the discipline of work; one great vice of the existing order is that it relieves a section of the community from all necessity for work. The pioneers who laid the foundations of our national greatness alike in Britain and in Australia were men and women who "toiled terribly."

A "sweet do-nothing" existence doesn't make for the best manhood and womanhood. High endeavour is the spice of life. When all is said and done, the truth remains that "the soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul."

The solution of the social problem will still leave us face to face with a much bigger problem—the human problem. Britain needs all her social reformers; Britain also needs a race of prophets who will declare the truth of personal righteousness.

No political revolutions and no social transformations can relieve us from the glorious necessity of working out our own salvation. A pig will fulfil its destiny if you give it a comfortable sty and plenty to eat; the destiny of man is not thus fulfilled.

THE spirit of greed and grab, the selfish and stupid temper, the loafing and sponging—these may flourish in garden cities no less than on Clydeside or in the West End.

The social problem is a moral problem, which depends for its solution on each one of us getting into live relation with "the Great Captain."

Builders with a Black Streak

IN the solution of the housing problem the question of supplies of materials at reasonable prices is as important as that of the supply of labour. During the days of the Addison housing scheme the demand out-ran the supplies, and the manufacturers and suppliers of these materials reaped a rich harvest.

In 1920 the price of a non-parlour house rose to £888 (excluding the cost of land and road and sewer works), and of a parlour house to £960. By limiting the number of houses to be built and therefore reducing the demand, the prices of non-parlour and parlour houses had fallen to £349 and £398 respectively. Indeed, at this time the builders were so anxious to get contracts that prices below £300 had actually been secured.

In 1923 the Chamberlain scheme was launched, and a new demand created, with the result that prices rose to £438 and £502 respectively.

MR. JOHN WHEATLEY introduced a Bill to cope with this and the organised manufacturers and suppliers of materials agreed to drastic steps being taken to deal with the "black sheep" who would not play the game. They had everything to gain by a large building programme over a term of years. They had no desire to kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

ARTHUR GREENWOOD, M.P.
Late Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health

But though the associations might have some control over their own members, they had none over outsiders. Hence the Building Materials (Charges and Supply) Bill, to counteract unreasonable prices and the withholding of supplies, and penalised profiteering by a substantial fine or imprisonment.

A. Greenwood, M.P.

With the dissolution of Parliament, however, the Bill automatically died and on the reassembly of the new Parliament, Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared that it was not the intention of the new Government to reintroduce the measure, notwithstanding the rising price of houses. This is a victory for the Federation of British Industries, which severely lectured the building materials manufacturers on the serious precedent which certain powers in the Profiteering Bill created, and an indication that the "black sheep" referred to above need fear no control over their operations.

But there is another aspect of the question which calls for consideration—profiteering in completed houses for sale to private individuals. In order that these houses should be working-class dwellings, the Ministry of Health as a rule declines to grant the subsidy on houses costing more than about £600.

But to-day small houses are being built at a cost of perhaps £500 and being sold by the speculative builder for £800 or more. The builder ought not to extort grossly unreasonable profits; yet there seems little doubt that master builders erecting houses for sale are profiteering on a serious scale.

The fault hardly lies with the Ministry of Health, which by the arrangements already referred to has endeavoured to deal with this problem. The fault lies rather with certain local authorities which allow private builders to get what they can for their houses. Local authorities ought to see that the clear intention of the law is carried out.

IN any case, the community cannot afford to wait on the slow operation of new methods and materials on the cost of houses, and is entitled to demand drastic action and eternal vigilance on the part of both the State and local authorities to squeeze every unnecessary penny of cost out of the price of houses for the present

Words Winged to Women

PARADISE FOR WOMEN

by
MABEL HORNER

RECENTLY pictures of a bride and bridegroom were in all the illustrated dailies. The bride-om was a clear-eyed rancher, hand-e and bronzed, used to "roughing it." The bride was a dainty typist, typical duct of a bustling London suburb, stomed to taking evening recreation h her girl friends in theatres or picture es.

pposites? Exactly. But sometimes osites fall in love. These two had , loved and mated, all within a few t days.

ow they were off, away across seas to w life where everything, including itself, is shorn of pretence and iciality—where bedrock facts of tence are all that matter. Above all, re prosperity depends upon real work.

ow will that girl of the London office to it? Will she be happy and fit ith her new environment? Will she me a pioneer of women, large of n, great of soul, a mother of men out e? Or is she likely to miss the ded contacts of our over-wrought ation and become discontented?

E answer depends of course on the kind of girl she is. The possibilities ch new life must be of enormous im-nce to thousands of young women, if they remain in these isles, must remain unmated and without any ite life-work of their own.

e have nearly two million more women men. In our colonies the reverse is ase. Men outnumber the women any thousands. And still, year by the men migrants to our dominions eas outnumber women by many ands also.

is for women to consider this problem sly, and especially for the girls to ask if there is not a colonising call that may come to them as such a call comes to their brothers.

It is not suggested that migration is a solution of our domestic problems. To advocate migration as a cure for unemployment, bad housing and poverty is absurd. But the migration of our men, without a corresponding migration of our womenfolk with them, brings results in many ways the reverse of desirable.

'TIS often alleged that family life in the old country is on the decline. The modern girl is blamed. This is more than untrue, it is grossly unfair. The housing shortage, unemployment, high prices, all militate against the setting up of new homes. But most of all, and oftenest forgotten, is the ill-balance of the sexes. This preponderance of women over men, in the nature of things, precludes from many a modern girl the hope of ever establishing a family life in which she herself shall be the pivot and the centre.

This is against romance and life, say what one will, without romance, is a drear, dead thing. Why do not more of our girls seize with both hands the romance of building up a new home, along with their men folk who are going out to oversea dominions? "I am waiting until he can make a home," is a poor phrase. "We are going out there to make a home together," is a better. But "I am going to fresh horizons to try my luck in a new country," may be best of all, and open up to single women whose outlook here is drab, a whole world of work and adventure where life may be lived to the full.

Women's help is wanted in the homes already established. And it is all to the good that once over there, and having proved herself a useful member of the community, a woman's chance of marriage, should she so desire, is at least equal to that of a man.

There are plenty of safeguards set up. Young women turning their thoughts towards colonisation are not expected to make the great venture in the dark. There are Government departments on both sides of the water, and there are training and assisted passage for a certain type of approved women.

Dame Meriel Talbot, D.B.E., who regards migration of girls to our Colonies as a means of equalising the disproportion between the sexes.

Our overseas dominions have been built up by our women equally with our men. That is sometimes forgotten. It cannot be that girls of to-day are less adventurous or less willing to work than their grandmothers. Yet, of persons leaving these islands for settlement in one of our colonies within a given time, twelve thousand two hundred and forty-seven were single men, and only two thousand and one were single women.

IT is for women themselves to decide whether this proportion is wise and right. Maybe, if the question were faced, it might provide an answer as to why there is always such a preponderance of women over men in Britain.

to Keep Well

The Secret of Asthma

WIMPOLE STREET PHYSICIAN

THMA is a distressing and curious disease. Although it affects the breathing, it is not really a disease lungs.

ent investigations into the strange menon called anaphylaxis have ed the secret of asthma. Anaphy-a sort of poisoning, which was first d in certain persons after the on of antitoxin. But this poison-n be caused in these individuals by t number of other substances, such ss pollen, feathers, strawberries, eggs, milk, shellfish, fish, and a d others.

poisoning doesn't cause vomiting. y, in different people, cause hay-nettle-rash, eczema—and asthma. is the secret of asthma. It isn't altitude or marshy ground that it. It is caused by certain things t as poison to the particular person, swallowed or, sometimes, even d.

Roberts didn't hate cats because nervous about them. He in-ely hated them—although he realise it—because cats' fur, when against him and similar persons, ause this kind of poisoning. people "can't stand" dogs, or pigs, or other animals. It is for e reason.

cure asthma needs a detective than a doctor. The poisoning ce—which may be quite a com-rticle of food—must be tracked nd eliminated.

Pearls Before Swine

by **S. HENNING BELFRAGE**

BREAD to-day is no longer the staff of life; it is a broken reed, a poor and devitalised thing, faked and fraudulent. And about one-sixth of the money spent on food by the average working-class family in this country is spent on bread and flour!

The grain of the wheat is nearly a perfect food. The miller removes nearly one-third of its substance and sells what he removes to the farmers, who feed their live-stock with it. This part which is removed contains not only nourishment, but certain vital substances which are absolutely necessary to health and to life.

It is true that these vital substances, or "vitamins," can be obtained from other foods, but these foods are costly and do not enter sufficiently into the diet of the working-classes or of children. Bread made from the whole wheat grain is the source from which Nature means us to obtain them.

The live-stock of the country is being better fed than our children or ourselves! The children's growth is being stunted, their teeth decaying, their bones growing soft, and they are an easy prey to the germs of disease because they are deprived of these precious substances. Everyone who eats white bread is the worse off so far as his health and resistance to disease are concerned.

DOCTORS practising among the native population in India, in districts where the natives still eat native food and not the faked foods of civilisation, tell us that they never see most of the diseases and disorders of health so common in civilised countries. Rheumatism, appendicitis, indigestion, and cancer are as rare among these natives as they are common here. The natives are of splendid physique, have wonderful powers of endurance, and live healthily to a great age.

Birds and other animals fed on white flour alone fall ill and die; fed on flour made from whole wheat they thrive and require nothing else except water.

The eating of white bread, white rice, and white sugar (both rice and sugar are spoilt by being made artificially white), has become a fashion, a bad habit, and there is nothing good to be said for it. The bread is easier to masticate and the teeth suffer in consequence; teeth were given us to chew with, and we just won't take the trouble.

THERE is one prevailing disorder among civilised people which is probably the most universal cause of chronic disease and ill-health, and that is constipation. It poisons the wells of life. Millions of money is being made by those who sell patent remedies for it, and yet bread made from whole wheat is Nature's best aperient.

It is for the people of this country to put this matter right. If they demand to be given Nature's food as Nature provides it they will get it. The millers are ready to scrap their machinery and go back to the old simple use of the millstone—*if the people ask for it.*

Everybody can help. If everyone would set aside his prejudice in favour of white bread, and ask and ask again, not for brown bread, but for bread made from stone-milled or wholemeal flour, the thing would be done. Demand would create supply, at the same price as white bread, and the miller will soon find a way to provide what the people ask for.

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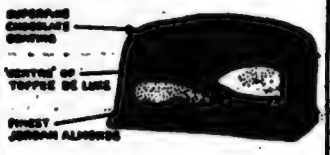

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"He then had my lover up and spoke to him so seriously that eventually he gave his word to go away and not see me for two years.

"He went away and, as letters had not been forbidden, we used to write to each other regularly. Before long I heard from him that he had accepted an appointment abroad and that he was going off to Africa. Apparently father had engineered the offer of some prospecting work in a practically unexplored part of Central Africa.

"I continued to have letters from my lover, and then, after about six months, they suddenly stopped and I heard nothing more.

"Meanwhile, father was pressing me to marry someone else, but I would not do so. Then we heard that the expedition had been lost.

"AT last, rather than be continually worried to marry a man I did not love, I determined to take the veil and I entered on my novitiate. I have just taken the final vows.

"Last week I suddenly heard, through my mother, that my lover has returned. He had a terrible time, the only survivor of the expedition—and he has lost his sight. Apparently he still loves me but dare not come back to me because of his blindness (he does not know that I have become a nun).

Mother says it is terrible to see him. She was never in favour of our parting and now says that he needs me and that my first duty is to succour him and that this should come before my vows.

"HUMANIST, you cannot guess how I am torn. I have promised to be faithful to the Church—yet first I promised to be faithful to my man. Of course I know what the Church would say—but has not one a duty to one's fellowman?

"I have made a huge mistake. Must the man I love suffer?"

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"MY mother, a widow, has been an invalid for the past five years, following a serious paralytic seizure. She is practically helpless and requires constant care and attention. This I, her only daughter, have been able to give her, and when two years ago I married, she continued to make her home with us.

A Child's Problem

"My husband has been unable to obtain permanent employment, and we have had a difficult time. Now a friend of his, who has a fruit farm in Australia, has written asking us to go out and join him.

"My husband is delighted at the prospect, and I am equally enthusiastic—but the difficulty is my mother. We are both extremely fond of her, and her one wish is to accompany us. We have consulted the doctor, who, however, says that in her present state of health it would be a terrible risk to attempt the journey.

"The only alternative is to let my mother go into a nursing home where she would be well looked after, but would, I know, be very lonely and unhappy.

"The point is: Are we justified in risking a journey which might prove fatal—or should we leave her at home to break her heart among strangers?"

"Humanist" says:—*In a case of this kind I should recommend taking the lesser risk and take your mother with you. Even if the worst happens, you will be with her to the end. If you leave her behind you will probably not see her again.*

"FOR many years I have carried on my herbalist's business in a certain large industrial town, and up to twelve months ago did very well. At the beginning of last March my turnover began rapidly to decline, and by December, 1924, I was heading straight for bankruptcy.

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"Realising that something must be done to revive my one-time flourishing trade, I approached my wife's father, a retired grocer, for a loan of £2,000 with the object of overhauling the frontage and generally improving the shop's appearance. He offered to go into partnership. I agreed to this and he subscribed the capital required.

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"Now my father-in-law and partner is a great stickler for dealing in goods of high quality and urges that only by so doing will a business thrive. He insists that we shall at once give up the sale of this article and even threatens to withdraw his support if I refuse. Surely the long patronage of the medicine is some justification. Again, if we are too scrupulous to take their money our competitors will undoubtedly step in and take advantage of our slackness."

"Humanist" says:—*I think a good deal more of your father-in-law and his reasoning than I do of yours. He is right; honesty and fair profits are the basis of big and substantial business. What self-respecting man would want to get rich on the ignorance and credulity of his townsmen?*

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"I am a plumber, and recently put three feet of lead pipe into a main. I delivered the account, and found that fifteen feet had been charged for. If I tell the victim of this swindle I lose my job. If I don't, I betray my honour in my trade."

"Humanist" says: *If you stay with this man you are no better than a sharper. Give up your job, go to the victim and tell him the facts, and let him take appropriate action.*

The Best Policy.

"Four years ago by accident, in parting, I threw away a bundle of papers on my desk. I included in them a colleague's watch left on the desk. The papers were thrown away and the mystery of the lost watch unsolved. My colleague has since died. Can I keep the watch, which is not a valuable one, as a souvenir?"

No; it is not yours. Send it to the deceased's relatives, with a letter explaining.

An Impressionable Woman.

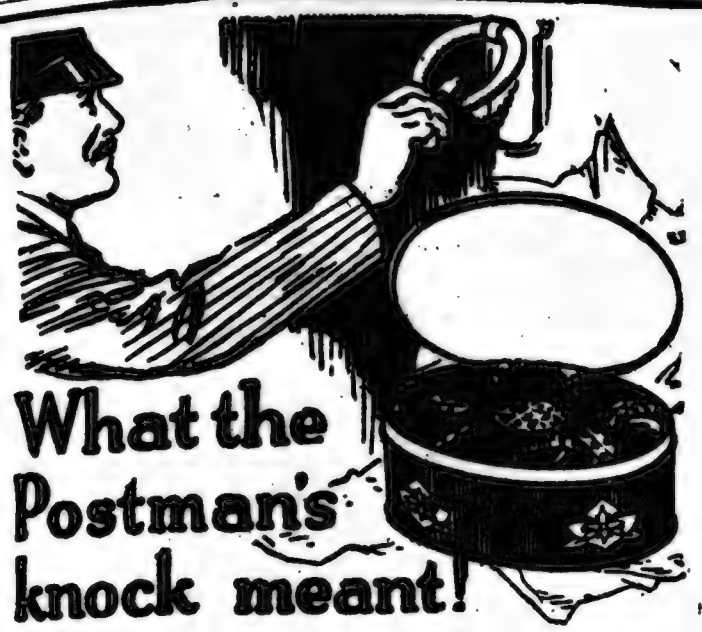
"I have had my fortune told by the stars. The horoscope said I am to die at thirty-four months hence. The dread and the thought of death are awful. I feel like committing suicide."

No one can help you but yourself. Try to grasp the idea that the stars were not set in the heavens to cut your life off at 35. Think less of yourself, and more of others, and your days may be long in the land.

A Soldier's Only Boy.

"I am a colonel, permanently retired, abroad. My only boy, who graduated at Cambridge, has got into the clutches of moneylenders, and, to make matters worse, he has disappeared. The last I had of him was that he was slowly drinking in the bad haunts of Soho.

In a case of this kind, you could leave to come home. But if you will give me particulars of your boy, and of his friends known to you, I will have enquiries made.



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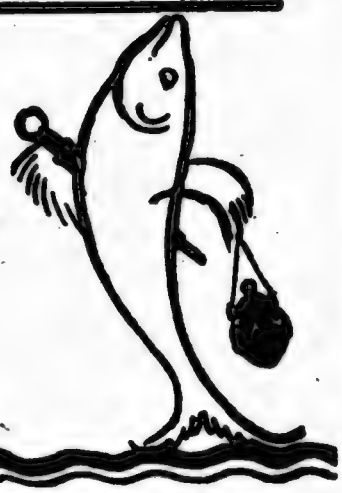

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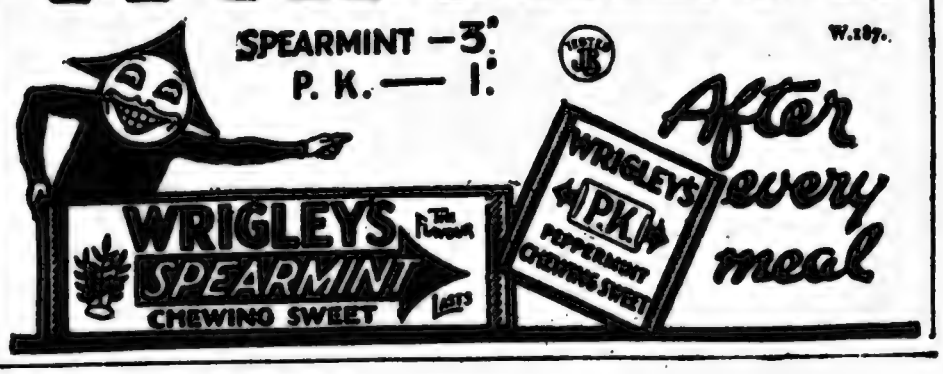

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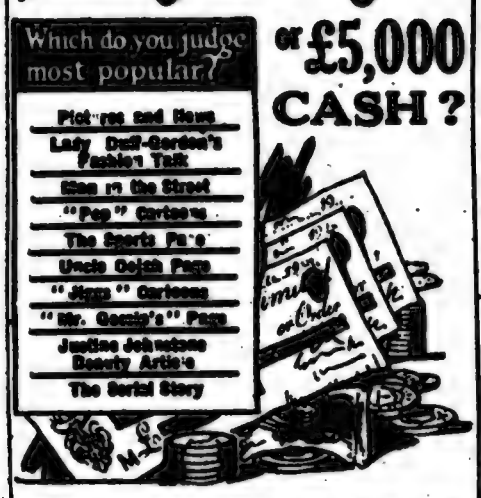

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Family Security

You are quite right to urge State allowances for families. There is nothing new or revolutionary in the idea. The same thing was carried out—in a different way—during the war, when allowances were made for each child of a fighting soldier. If it can be done in war, it can surely be done in peace. It would make for a feeling of security in family life that does not exist now, and the birth-rate would increase.—*Mrs. Proctor, Bournemouth.*

Houses First

Your article on State grants for families is a move towards a sound and sensible reform, but I'm afraid your contributor who attacks the bachelor on his advantages omits one great point—a point which would tend to reduce the number of bachelors. I am a bachelor, and intend to remain so, until the Government speeds up the building of houses in which husband and wife would be able to do their duty to the nation by bearing healthy children and not weaklings.—*H. E. K., Registered Reader.*

Succour for Spinsters

There has been a good deal of agitation concerning State grants for married men. What about pensions for single women at 50? There are thousands of women earning their living to-day, whose potential husbands were killed on the battlefields, who are for ever haunted by the spectre of poverty-stricken old age. In most cases their wages are too low to enable them to make anything like adequate provision for the future.—*H. L. M., Putney.*

Crippling the Thrifty

I appreciate that your advocacy of family endowment is inspired by the highest ideals, but submit that such a proposal is economically and morally unsound. One can only pay a man wages according to his ability as a producer. No other method will work. To pay an endowment through a State department would lead to subsidising the irresponsible at the expense of the thrifty. Income-tax assessment is no analogy for it refers to what we deduct, and not what we add to a man's income.—*J. C., Liverpool.*

Child Wealth

The article on State grants for family men is well meant; at the same time it is to be feared that it would encourage large families. I heard a short time ago of a French shoemaker who was the proud father of fourteen children, and to whom the Government, on that account, allowed a certain quantity of bread every week—but no money! Of course, the French want a large army to defend their frontiers; whereas we do not—our country being an island. Why should the single have to suffer for the married? It doesn't seem just.—*W. G. Janes.*

Tax Burdens

Surely you cannot be serious in advocating State grants to parents for each child. The result is obvious. We are in for over-population—a serious matter—and for further heavy tax burdens. Besides, we can take it that such grants would not be large enough to cover the cost of maintaining and educating the child, so that the whole plan would pauperise the individual and the nation. You quote the case of France's example in this matter. Does France set such a wonderful example in finance affairs that we can afford to follow her?—*Ess Pee, Streatham.*

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Points from Other Letters

We have over a million without work. Why increase the figure, except to cause another war to find an outlet for these people? Large families are desirable in opening up new countries, but Britain isn't Utah nor Canada.—*J. Whittaker, Manchester.*

The scheme is not a financial success in France—nor has it materially affected the birth-rate. France can throw money away on this "stunt," but forgets the bigger settling of finances that will make for *universal* happiness.—*Tom, Brighton.*

State grants for married men are a direct encouragement to those men who cannot or will not control their carnal passions. The country is not in the position to squander money on that class of people.—*S. McDonald.*

I am afraid that if *some* fathers were allowed to draw the allowance, the mother who bears the child and undergoes all the suffering, and is responsible for the feeding, etc., of the little ones, would not benefit financially.—*L. M. M., Aberdeen.*

The Real Peace

The real force which will prevent war in future lies in the heart of man. This is slowly beginning to make itself felt. In the ideal of "peace on earth and good will towards men," for which the League of Nations stands, man finds within him a response in every sane and righteous instinct of his being. But the fulfilment of the ideal must come—however slowly from the multitude of those who believe in it. It is profoundly true that a widely spread international *moral* disarmament must inevitably precede the material disarmament to achieve which the League is striving.—*J. A., London.*

Over Population

There is only one reason for our present troubles, and that is over population, and if we cannot find a remedy for this there is no doubt that in our children's time it will be settled in the way that it has been settled before. That is by wars, famines or plagues. The only solution is in educating the people to a better understanding of the law of population, to get down to the real causes of the trouble and start a gigantic propaganda among the poorer people.—"*Ne Plus nature.*"

Coal Prices

Coal that costs 18s. per ton to produce is *not* sold to the consumer at £2 to £3 per ton as you say. You have completely omitted to mention the most important fact that 18s. per ton is the average price of *all* coal, including small coal, which can only be sold at a price far below 18s., and dust, which is practically unsaleable, and you have not taken into consideration the considerable cost entailed in transporting the coal from the pit head to the consumer.—*P. B. W., Junior Carlton Club.*

Tax Dodgers

That income-tax evasion is rampant we all know. There is scarcely one of us who does not know of men who openly boast of their "tax dodging." The difficulty is to know what to do about it. If one tells, one is dubbed a "sneak," and yet by our silence we connive at a despicable fraud. The irony of it is that those of us who pay up have to contribute more than our due because of the evasion of others, and if we inform on them we are reviled; reviled by those who are virtually thieves.—*A. R., S.E. 4.*

Woman Sets the Pace

C. G. Huntley's denunciation of the modern girl's attitude towards impure love shows that we have reason to lament modern Britain's deteriorating morals. The morality of a nation is exalted or debased by the attitude of its women, and modern man's carelessness of women's honour has been inspired by the carelessness exhibited by women themselves. It is up to women to show their superiority in this respect, instead of denouncing every man as a monster, seeking to pin on the innocent.—*S., Oldham.*

Domes of Silence

Whilst sympathising with your correspondent "Ex-Officer," I do not think "Domes or Doles" need necessarily be alternative, and to many an ex-[illegible] St. Paul's typifies London—and [illegible] "A Gentleman with a Duster" is [illegible] more cynical. It is not the golden [illegible] of St. Paul's that has failed in its significance throughout the ages, but humanity itself, in its failure to rise to the height of sacrifice. Surely the milestones on the pathway of Evolution are necessary to the history of mankind!—"*Constant Reader*," *Kent.*

Unity is Strength

Students of history and broad-minded men and women recognise and appreciate the good achieved by the trade union movement. But when any section of workers strike because their employer is also employing a non-union worker, it savours of an intolerable interference with the liberty of the subject. The value of membership of any union should appeal to any man or woman by persuasion, but no one should be forced into membership by threats. No [illegible] for example, would be boycotted as a refused work because he was not a member of the Law Society!—*W. J. B., Eglish.*

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or the owner-driver who wants to r more deeply into the intricacies of ng and minor repairs, a new book, odern Motor Cars," has been published he Caxton Press. In this generation e is a universal desire to know all about even by those who are not for the ent actual owners. The book has simply written, and should make its al to this section as well as to those particularly interested.

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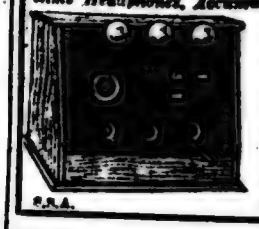

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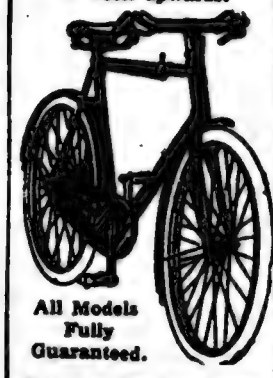

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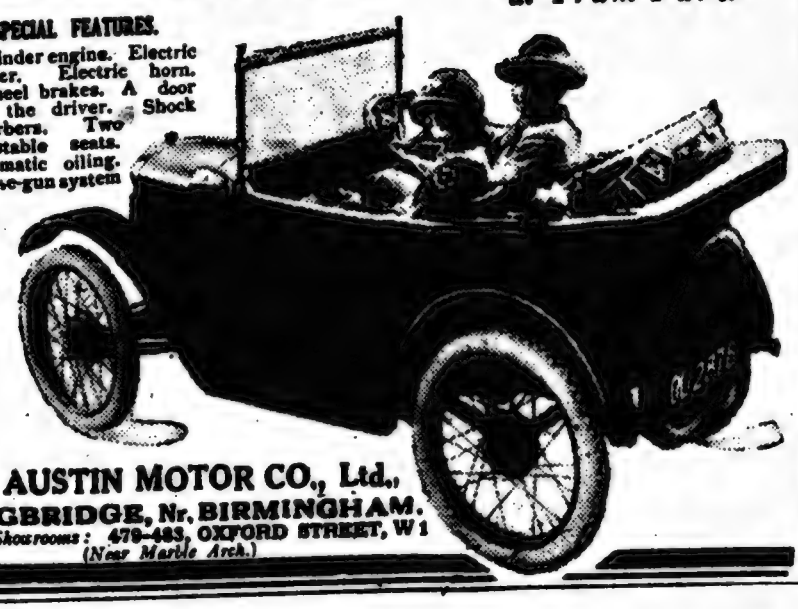

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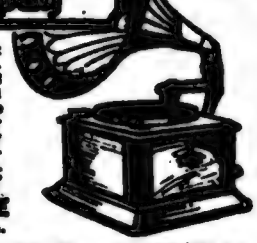

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French Hope for the Lincoln

Will Tapin emulate the feat of Sir Gallahad?

FOR some weeks past I have been pestered by punters to put up my doubles for the Spring handicaps. The truth of the matter is I do not wish to commit myself so far ahead. I think the National can be narrowed down to five horses—Silvo, Conjuror II., Fly Mask, Ballinode, Ruddy Glow—but the Lincoln is a hopeless proposition until a market is formed and some of the stables show their hands.

First Blood for the Bookmakers.

All along I have advised a waiting policy, and in view of Mr. Solly Joel's drastic action in scratching Pasha and his other horses in Earl's stable, it has proved to be a wise one. A well-known turf accountant told me that over 40 per cent. of his double-event wagers included the winter favourite, Pasha! Pasha is one up for the enemy, and there will be more shocks before March 25. Take my advice and leave the Lincoln alone for the time being.

The French Horses.

Another batch of persistent punters want to know all about the French horses. I can now tell them that the "big noise" from across the channel in the Lincolnshire Handicap will be Tapin, who has been with Bartholomew for some weeks past and is admittedly a greatly-improved horse. He has class on his side, and next to Parth is probably the best-bred horse in the race. As a Classic winner he is certainly not overweighted, and if he continues as he is going now it is certain the connections will gamble on him. The only fear they have is that Black Prince VII. may have improved as much as is claimed for him, in which case he would be a big danger.

Golden Hope.

Golden Hope II., owned by Mr. J. Wittouck, is a Franco-Belgian trained horse. My French correspondent tells me that the colt is well forward and is exercising daily with Condover, his stable companion. He thinks it may interest JOHN BULL readers to know that Grancly was bought and taken to Chantilly last winter to act as a trial horse to Sir Gallahad, and that Condover was bought to serve the same purpose for Golden Hope. The four-year-old is not a certain starter, but people connected with the stable have been making enquiries for the best price obtainable.

Scratched!

I planted seeds in my garden,
And left the gate unlatched;
My neighbour's hens got out of their pens

* * *

And scratched!!

I bought some gramophone records,
And home they were dispatched;
My infant twins got playing with pins

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Yes! Scratched!!!

I backed a horse for the Lincoln,
And longish odds I snatched;
But woe is me, for to-night I see

* * *

It's scratched!!!!!!!

My Long Shot for Aintree.

I had the good fortune to tip Master Robert for the Grand National of 1924 when Lord Airlie's 'chaser was quoted at 40 to 1. My outsider for 1925 is Mr. Filmer-Sankey's Ruddy Glow. With only 10 st. 9 lb., the seven-year-old is the pick of the light-weights. Take no notice of the gelding's form at Nottingham last week. He had the misfortune to be bowled over by Royal Chancellor. His record since last March is good and reads as follows: First, unplaced, first, first, but race re-run, first, first. At Newbury, in December, Ruddy Glow, carrying 12 st. 2 lbs., beat a poor field of 'chasers, but he won with a stone in hand. In another of his races the gelding showed a clean pair of heels to Master Robert.

The First Sensation.

Mr. Solly Joel and his new trainer, W. C. Earl, have been criticised in many quarters for summarily scratching their Lincoln entries as a protest against their handicapping, and thus supplying us with the first flat race sensation of 1925. Personally, I am in sympathy with the owner and trainer. Their action is sure to find favour with the majority of punters. It doesn't much matter what the circumstances happen to be, if an owner decides that his horses are not going to run in an ante-post betting race, who should grouse if he scratches them without delay? Only the bookmakers! The owner who deserves to be hanged, drawn and quartered, is the tricky gentleman who keeps his entry in up to the last minute as a cover to a coup in another direction.

Walter C. Earl, Mr. Solly Joel's Trainer.

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This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Feb. 11 to Feb. 17.

Racing on the Ice.

Where do jockeys go in the winter-time? Most of them go to the south of France or sunny Switzerland—lucky beggars. The exodus from these delightful resorts will commence early next month. "Brownie" Carslake is coming home from South Africa, and young Buckley, who headed the list of winning jockeys in India, is also returning for the flat. I should like to have witnessed the great race on the ice at St. Moritz a couple of Sundays ago, but I could not get away. Frank Bullock, O'Neill, Archibald, and several other famous knights of the pigskin had a leg up. Happily they are all alive to tell the tale. In these ice races the horses wear spiked shoes to prevent them from slipping.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS

Chelmsford, Wednesday
NAPLES. FITZPICTON.

Ludlow, Wednesday
ONEGA. ROUSHAM.

Ludlow, Thursday
QUILP. DON QUICHOTTE.

Lingfield, Friday
JORT. MARTINIQUE.

Lingfield, Saturday
LINDHOLM. ONEGA.

A Good One for the Code.

Ballinode did the code selections a good turn when she won the Nottingham Handicap 'Chase at the nice price of sixes. The mare made one or two mistakes which would be fatal at Aintree, but I put this down to the state of the going. When Ballinode won the Grand Sefton at Liverpool her jumping was faultless.

Who Told You That?

I am not responsible for this little racing anecdote, but any tale which raises a smile is well worth while. The discussion took place in a third-class smoker. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Shakespearian characters were going through it.

"Well," said the talkative one, "my friend the professor gives Hamlet, Othello and Macbeth."

A deep-throated voice interrupted the argument. "Pardon me, gents. I don't know what paper that bloke writes for, but none of them horses is runnin' to-day."

Soccer this Week-end

FOR two months the 'Spurs did not win a match. Now they are in the third round of the Cup, and have beaten Bolton on a ground where few teams ever win. Arthur Grimsdell and Tommy Clay make all the difference, as they always did.

Some people are beginning to fancy Sheffield United as winners of the big knock-out competition. Well, the United are playing good football just now, and they are not afraid of Everton next week.

England's team is being evolved on sound lines if the club pairs, Osborne and Seed, and Walker and Dorrell are retained for the match with Wales. This has often been advocated. But what we want is some new half-backs.

Airdrieonians are giving the Rangers a fright, and had crept a bit nearer to the champions as I write. We could do with new champions, but the Rangers won't mind if they win the Cup.

WEEK-END COUPS

7 HOME.—Southampton, Wednesday, Bristol City, Queen's Park Rangers, Celtic, Airdrieonians, Hibernians.

5 HOME.—Sunderland, Bristol C., Halifax, Celtic, Airdrieonians.

3 AWAY.—Swansea, Darlington, Rangers.

3 DRAWS.—Arsenal v. Huddersfield, Palace v. Manchester U., Fulham v. Chelsea.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Bristol City, Celtic, Airdrieonians, Darlington, Rangers.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Airdrieonians, Swansea, Burnley v 'Spurs.

FORECASTS FOR FEBRUARY 21.

ENGLISH CUP.

HOME WINNERS.

*Southampton, Liverpool, *West Ham, *'Spurs.

DRAWS.

*Notts County v. Cardiff, West Bromwich A. v. Aston Villa.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.

*Huddersfield, *Bolton W.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.

*Fulham, South Shields.

AWAY WINNER.—Chelsea.

DRAWS.

Coventry C. v. Wednesday, Stoke v. Clapton Orient.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern)

HOME WINNERS.

Ashington, *Barrow, *Bradford, *Darlington, Doncaster R., *Nelson, *Rochdale, *Southport.

AWAY WINNER.—New Brighton.

DRAWS.

Hartlepools v. Halifax, Tranmere R. v. Lincoln C.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern)

HOME WINNERS.

Exeter C., Gillingham, Luton, Merthyr, *Millwall, *Swansea.

AWAY WINNERS.—*Swindon.

DRAWS.

*Brighton v. Bristol C., Bristol R. v. Plymouth, Queen's P.R. v. Charlton, Reading v. Watford.

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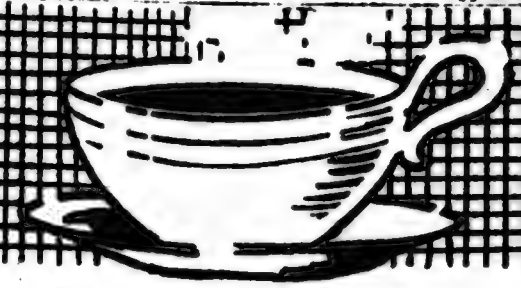

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John Bull's Letter Bag

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious, and he wants you to see it in this light. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note and take his leave with a smile. Serious questions are handled by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service. See note at top of last column this page.

E. B. (Baldock).—"It's a queer thing that no bird of prey can sing." But we've heard our grocer whistling.

F. F. (Rickmansworth).—"I feel very down in the mouth." Cheer up and think of Jonah. He came out all right.

G. C. (Epsom).—"For ages woman has suffered in every conceivable way." Except in silence.

G. J. (Hampstead).—"It is a good thing to do foolish things now and again." But the American song-writers do them continually.

M. V. S. (Barnsbury).—"Father should be the captain of the household and mother the first mate." And the children at meal times, the little stowaways.

J. A. H. (Bishopbriggs).—"A fur coat goes a long way with a woman." Sure! Very often they even take them to the Riviera with them.

W. J. B. (Hendon).—"There's more in golf than appears on the surface." Now we know what so many players appear to be digging down for.

M. R. A. (Dundee).—"There's a lot of arrant rot talked about babies." But it's nothing compared to the absolute piffle talked *to* them.

S. N. (Teddington).—"I have backed twelve losers running." The fault would appear to be that they weren't running fast enough?

BABS D. (W.7).—"I love making all my glad rags myself." And, presumably, you like sewing your wild pettic-oats as well.

E. T. (Doncaster).—"I never mind the weather." If only someone *could* mind it, it might perhaps be kept under better control.

"MANAGER" (W.C.2).—"The pit and gallery patrons are always welcome in a theatre." We've often noticed that they have a standing invitation.

J. N. A. (Lewisham).—"The golden future promised by the Communists doesn't suit my palate." Perhaps you forgot to add the necessary pinch of salt.

N. M. (Hendon).—"No effort should be spared to get back the penny post." If we stick it we'll get it, and if we get it we'll stick it.

R. P. F. (Cheltenham).—"My gold chain is an heirloom, and I am afraid I will lose it! Then you must keep a watch on it.

G. H. (Weston).—"It is a fact that some people dispose of their rubbish by putting it in pillar-boxes." We know. The postman delivers it to us.

H. K. (Nantwich).—"If there *is* another war, I want to be in it." If there is another war, you won't be able to escape it. So don't worry.

V. S. (Preston).—"Few Biblical examples find any following to-day." With the exception of Ananias.

H. R. (Leytonstone).—"It must be hard to lose all one's money." Hard? It's the easiest thing on earth to do.

H. B. (Ruislip).—"Women are naturally more beautiful than men." You mean artificially, don't you?

B. L. (Leeds).—"I'm getting most awfully stout." Then you'll never be able to stoop to anything low.

R. N. (Kendal).—"Cross-word puzzles originated in Egypt." No wonder the Israelites fled!

N. H. (Oldham).—"A woman waives her rights when she marries." But don't imagine it's a permanent waive.

C. P. (Blackburn).—"Cupid doesn't always hit the bull's-eye." And when he does he still Mrs. it.

H. B. (Littlehampton).—"Some women won't believe a word their husbands say." Unless, of course, he talks in his sleep.

N. T. (Wiston).—"The banana is a very valuable fruit." Well, for heaven's sake don't make another song about it.

E. R. (Ayton).—"Do you believe in dreams?" So long as you don't marry them.

T. T. (Rawdon).—"There's no rest for the weary in this world." And no arrest for the wary.

S. E. (York).—"The time is coming when women will get men's wages." Next Friday night, in fact.

G. R. (Syston).—"A woman spends her happiest hours before a glass." And a man after a glass.

N. T. (Blackburn).—"I've just got a job to collect a firm's outstanding debts." Congratulations on having found permanent employment.

S. E. (York).—"You can unhesitatingly believe all this, for lying is not one of my failures." No fear! It's evidently your one real success.

R. F. (Manchester).—"I hope the enclosed article is worth something." Sorry. We can't even offer you a penny for your thoughts.

T. B. (Pinner).—"How do you find things?" By looking for them.

G. R. (Lewes).—"Whatever will the modern girl be in another twenty years?" About six years older.

B. F. (Rugby).—"My son's exactly like me." A real chip off the old block-head, eh?

K. B. (Winchester).—"England will never be dry." Well, you've certainly got the weather on your side.

N. W. (Birkenhead).—"We all owe a lot to our country." So you're another that hasn't paid his income-tax.

N. W. (Dartford).—"There seem to be a great many queer views of life." Dash those amateur photographers!

C. B. (Settle).—"Is there any law to prohibit the marriage of the feeble-minded?" No, you can go right ahead.

E. M. (Sidcup).—"I suppose you work very long hours in your office." Oh, no, the regulation sixty-minute variety.

D. M. (Burnley).—"I'm rather keen on my daughter going in for the law." She'd much better go in for the son-in-law.

L. W. (Blackburn).—"A married man knows much more than a bachelor." Naturally, for what he doesn't know, his wife tells him.

B. M. (Leeds).—"It takes a good deal of salesmanship to sell things from door to door." And to collect the money takes a good deal of genius.

W. G. (Halifax).—"I wonder why a girl can never catch a ball like a man?" Because a man's so much bigger and easier to catch.

R. T. L. (Sheffield).—"My wife won't tell me what she earns." Have your own back. Win *Bullets* £250 this week and keep it to yourself.

R. C. (Washington).—"There are an awful lot of girls who drink cocktails and such." O come; they're not all awful, surely?

W. L. (Seaford).—"I wonder who first began cross-words?" Probably two women at a sale who both wanted the same bargain.

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G. B. (Stoke).—"I am master in my own house." Wife away for a holiday.

P. W. (Chorley).—"Our climate is trying." But seldom succeeds.

"T.-T." (Dufftown).—"Drink reform is at hand!" Shake! It needs it.

L. W. (Carlisle).—"What do you think of my last poem?" Nothing; but it's a great pleasure to hear that it's your best.

S. P. (Sibford).—"Do you believe a woman has a dangerous age?" From the cradle to the grave.

P. M. (Hanley).—"Do you ever have any old typewriters to give away?" No, ours all get married young.

L. H. (Kingston).—"I'm still waiting for something to turn up." Better make a start on your sleeves.

H. E. (Petersham).—"I have something on my mind." From your letter we suspect water.

"DETECTIVE" (Staward).—"A barrister must have a sharp brain." He usually is quick in the up-take.

C. N. (Brent).—"I am not afraid of being called a fool." We should imagine you must be used to it by now.

P. H. A. (Lechlade).—"I never act without thinking." Everybody, then, must imagine you're dumb.

C. A. (Parkhill).—"I should like to meet you." You wouldn't now that we've read your letter.

R. W. (Tarset).—"A fool and his money are soon parted." You must be dreadfully hard up.

P. R. (Dorking).—"There's nothing to be gained by looking after other people's business." You wouldn't get a husband to agree with you!

R. D. (Leyton).—"Last time I went out shooting I didn't kill a blessed thing." You'd have done better to take up fishing.

N. G. (Horton).—"People hate being told what they know already." It is evident that you don't know any pretty girls.

M. S. (Lyndhurst).—"My husband still calls me 'pretty dear,' although we've been married twenty years." But in what way does he mean it?

P. R. (Sale).—"All young men should have hobbies." They usually have, but they wouldn't think of going to the theatre without them.

H. T. (W.C.2).—"Money plays a big part in my life." You're lucky—to many people it's merely a member of the chorus.

"STUDENT" (Carlisle).—"We must escape history, you know." The trouble most people find is trying to remember the history which escapes them.

H. N. (Knightsbridge).—"The fellow living above us has noisy card parties all hours." If his solo interferes with your nap you should persuade him to whist.

(Many replies unavoidably held over.)

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A Hint for the P.M.-G.

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THE P.M.-G.: Yes, Who's that?

THE SHOWMAN: A one-man deputation, Sir Mitchell Thomson—by 'phone, for a change. I represent the——

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THE P.M.-G.: Sounds a welcome sort of Budget to anybody.

THE SHOWMAN: Yes—and it's a good thing you don't make people stamp it *per smile* instead of *per ounce*. By the way—I hope your suggested new Blackmailer's Tax will be a success.

THE P.M.-G. (*mystified*): Mine? This is the first *I've* heard about it.

THE SHOWMAN: Why, bless my soul, don't you remember what you said at the last Cabinet meeting? Then let my Secret Historian remind you in the current *Passing Show*. Like your "numbers" it only costs tuppence—*but I always give my subscribers the number they want.*

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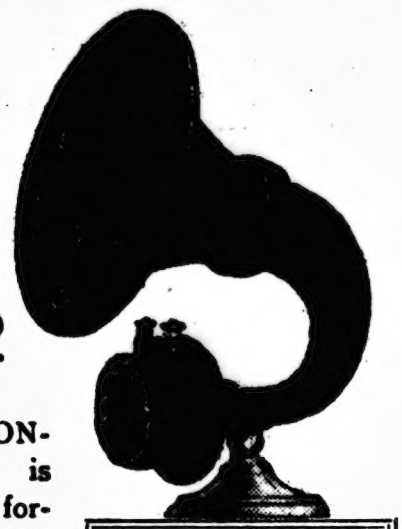

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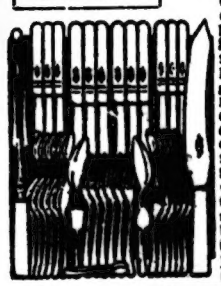

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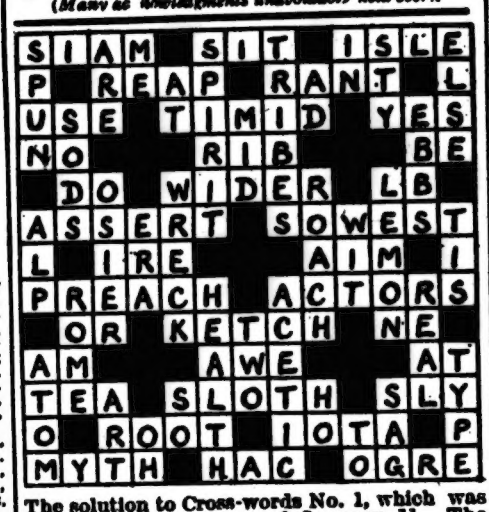
K. V. P., 6d.; L. E. E. H., 2s. 10d.; Every Little Helps, 2s. 6d.; Liphook, 1s.; Koff, Bld., 1s. 3½d.; A Wandering Scot, 5s.; F. G., 5s.; A Ninth, 6½d.; Bernard, 6d.; E. A. M., 9d. Hard Times, 6d.; E. Raybould, 1s.; A. E. F., 2s. 6d.; E. Purkiss, 1s.; Hudds, 8s.

(Many acknowledgments unavoidably held over).



The solution to Cross-words No. 1, which was published in our issue of January 31. The list of prize-winners can be seen at this office.

"Bullets" £1 Prize-winners:

(*Continued from page 31.*)

Birkenhead: H. Newport, 67, Briant's Av., Claverdale, Reading; G. Park, 48, Macleay St., Plaistow; Glasgow: A. S. Parker, 10, Blenheim Rd., Ipswich; Mrs. M. Pease, 23, Hawson St., Wombwell, Yorks; G. Pinnington, 177 House, Greenhill Rd., Allerton, L'pool.; G. Poizer, 4, Holtby St., Blackley, Manch.; G. W. Rainer, Claybrooke Magna, nr. Rugby; L. E. Richardson, 51, Southbank Rd., Southport; W. G. Robinson, 339, Lodge Bank, Helmshore, nr. Rochdale; C. Roster, 5, Blue Row, Beaumont, Clacton-on-Sea; W. Russell, 162, Willenhall Rd., Portobello, nr. Willenhall; Miss H. Sanderson, 2, North View, Langley Park, Durham; J. Scott, 98, Greenhow Terr., Elswick, Newcastle-on-Tyne; G. J. Semmens, Chilton, Ashburton, Dover; Mrs. W. Shephard, 39, Great St. Andrew St., London, W.C.; F. Sparrow, 26, Groomsbridge Rd., South Hackney, E.; C. J. Stainfield, 13, Ridge St., Bolton; A. Stevens, 25, Dunster Av., Rochdale; W. D. Stevenson, 54, Nansen Rd., Sparkhill, Wigan; J. Suthern, 44, Park St., Sowerby Bridge, Yorks; Miss M. Sutton, 24, Manor Rd., Walsall; G. Tompkins, 20, Hardinge Rd., Allerton, L'pool.; F. W. Thomas, 10, Lithos Rd., Hampstead, N.W.; L. E. Thomas, 3, Albert Terr., Rogerstone, Mon.; C. Tomlinson, 18, Longford Rd., Cannock; Miss F. Tempest, 6, Churchgate St., Bury St. Edmunds; W. Walker, 2, St. Andrew's Terr., Murton Colliery, co. Durham; D. McKenzie Watt, 3, South William St., Dalkeith; S. H. Welch, 18, Gregory Av., Bolton; H. Wilkinson, 93, Hampden St., Bolton; E. T. Williams, Rose Gwyn, Energlyn, Caerphilly (2 Prizes of £1); Mrs. L. Williams, 12, Promenade, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness; H. Woolley, 177, Poulton Rd., Fleetwood; Miss L. Wrench, Snaith, Yorks.

List of Five-shilling Prize-winners in "Bullets" Competition No. 550 is published in this week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete list of £1 and other Prize-winners can be seen at the office of "John Bull."

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 553.

HOME OR AWAY
CRITICAL MOMENT
WINDY
WHAT THE FARMER SAID
TRADE SECRET
HOW SHE LOOKS
FAMILY DOCTOR
OVERCROWDED
BY NATURE
AT ALL TIMES
AN ACCIDENT
WHY HE APOLOGISED
AFTER EIGHT
IF SHE'S GOOD
BEFORE BUYING
WASTE OF BREATH
MAKING MORE
SOMETHING NEW
YES OR NO
WHAT IS A FRIEND

These Examples can be made use of on the Coupons on page 31, and must reach us on or before THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26th. All Coupons so used must be marked clearly with the number 553 in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 553, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. 552.

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what is in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed ——— and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the entry on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged for absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

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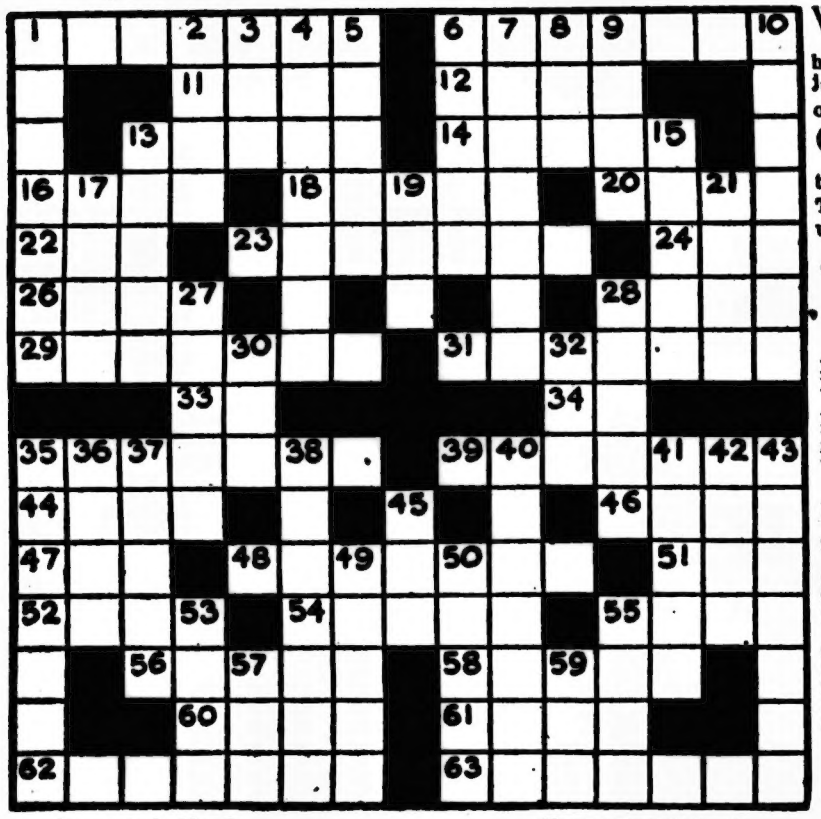
1,000 Prizes for Cross-words



Cross-words No. 3. Closing Date Feb. 18.

WE try these on the office boy. He did last week's in ten minutes. This week's nearly beat him—it took him early twenty minutes! But it's quite easy really—just try it and see. Not going to be beaten by our office boy, are you?

ONE THOUSAND prizes will be awarded to the senders of the first thousand correct solutions opened by the Editor. Entries must be received by February 18. To ensure absolute fairness no solutions will be opened until after the closing date.

CLUES.

ACROSS.

1. Crows at dawn.
6. Lack of.
11. Wan.
12. English river.
13. A textile.
14. Perfume.
16. Prepare for publication.
18. Manservant.
20. Receptacle.
22. Negation.
23. A disease.
24. Famous author.
26. Blood.
28. A lake.
29. Came out
31. Lasts.
33. Initials of scientific establishment.
34. Alternative.
35. A Knight.
39. Outstanding.
44. Cricket term.
46. Placed down.
47. Girl's name.
48. Half a god.
51. Rodent.
52. Urchin.
54. Is smoked
55. Pertaining to the air.
56. Place (Latin).
58. Small vessels.
60. A levy.
61. A light.
62. Tremulous noise.
63. Properties

DOWN.

1. Vengeance
2. Roasting jack.
3. A colour.
4. To raise.
5. Medical term relating to the kidneys.
6. This puzzle.
7. Under the hammer.
8. Employ.
9. American coin.
10. Americans
13. French measure.
15. Diminish to a point.
17. Judgment.
19. A youth.
21. Famous lightship.
27. Wrong.
28. Relating to a wall.
30. A spirit.
32. Small mark.
35. Pompous language.
36. To assert.
37. Royal.
38. To carry out.
40. Smelly.
41. Uncovers.
42. Untruthful.
43. Buries.
45. A fruit.
49. Money hoarder.
50. Part of a house.
53. A wrong.
55. "— boy!"
57. Domestic animal.
59. Insect.

Fill in the Puzzle squares, write your name and address in the space provided, cut out the whole, and post to Cross-words No. 3, P.O. Box 200, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C. 2. Cross-word solutions must not be enclosed with "Bullets" coupons.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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RESULT OF "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 550.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500:

Mr. G. H. WELLS,
34, Stanbridge Road, Putney, S.W.15.
Example :—SAFE TO SAY
Bullet :—SEX PASSION PACKS SESSIONS.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE OF £100:

Mr. J. T. CULLEN, 49, Bembey Street, Liverpool.
Example :—SAFE TO SAY
Bullet :—MIND OVERWORKED—WORK UNDERMINED.

THIRD PRIZE OF £50:

Mrs. H. GAYLESS, Fern Cottage, South Road, Hayling, Hants.
Example :—WHAT MAN LIKES
Bullet :—HE WARNS SON AGAINST.

FOURTH PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. W. ROOKS, 28, Lenhurst Road, Upwham, S.E.
Example :—SEEMS FUNNY
Bullet :—NEWSPAPER'S HEADLINE—"SECRET WEDDING."

FIFTH PRIZE OF £10:

Mr. F. J. HOLMES, Landywood, Clodyn Way, near Walsall.
Example :—TIME TO PLAY
Bullet :—BEFORE DOCTOR ORDERS IT.

10 Prizes of £5 each:

J. Booth, 7, Springfield Terrace, Emley Moor, near Wakefield.
A CHILD—READS CHARACTER BEFORE "CHARACTERS."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)
J. Corbill, Ellison's Houses, Killamarsh, nr. Sheffield.
SEEMS FUNNY—PRISON'S KINDNESS—ASYLUM'S CRUELTY.
J. Gardiner, 5, Horton View, Banbury, Oxon.
WIRELESS AMATEUR—NEVER LISTENS—TOO BUSY.
T. O. Jones, 184, Wadham Road, Bootle, L'pool.
PRESENCE OF MIND—SUPPRESSED SNEEZE, ST. PAUL'S.
J. B. Leat, 19, Laburnum Road, Gorton, Manchester.
THE BRIDE—CHANGING BRIDEGROOM'S NAME SOON.
J. A. Leaves, 54, Hazelhurst Road, Llandaff North, near Cardiff.
WHEN SHE TELEPHONES—BOSS'S "GROWL" BECOMES "PURR."
W. Rush, Norbriggs, Chesterfield, Derbys.
COMFORTING—AIRMAN'S "CRASH"—BEDROOM FLOOR.
Miss G. I. Squire, 23, Golders Rise, Hendon, N.W.
WHAT THE AMERICAN SAID—SUCKING PEN, "IT'S 'SELF-FILLER.'"
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)
J. Young, 67, Dorrator Road, Camelon, Falkirk.
WIFE'S HELP—SAVED ASSISTANT—ASSISTED SAVING.
J. Savigar, 3, Gloster Street, Newport, Mon.
WHAT THE AMERICAN SAID—"WANT 'TELETASTE' —NOT TELEVISION."

10 Prizes of £2 10s. each:

J. Curran, Feagh, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan.
FOOL'S MOTTO—"SUCCESS—OR THE RIVER."
B. Gilbert, 32, Broad Green Avenue, Croydon.
HIS PAST—RUBBED OUT—OR IN.
Miss J. Howe, 5, Ferndale, Lambert Street, Hull.
A CHILD—CONSOLATION PRIZE, MARRIAGE LOTTERY.
Johnson, 76, Oxford Street, Bulwell, Nottingham.
SAVING HER FACE—COUNTRY FORBIDDING WAYSIDE ADVERTISEMENTS.
C. Roberts, 28, Northbrook Terrace, North Strand, Dublin.
A CHILD—BOUNTY OFFERED SOON FOR.
Thomas, 62, Muriel Road, Norwich.
PRESENCE OF MIND—SOME POLITICIANS THINK SUFFICIENT.
C. Trown, 32, Clifton Drive, Crumpsall, Manchester.
THE BRIDE—GETS SYMPATHY BRIDEGROOM NEEDS.
H. Turner, 16, Broad Oak Street, Nottingham.
WHAT WE'RE ASKING—GOVERNMENT, "LIMITATION OF *Ornaments*."
A. Wigg, 25, Winchester Street, Acton, W.
BEFORE HUBBY—FINISHED PAPER-HANGING, RESEMBLED MUMMY.
Miss B. Williams, Inglewood House, Dowlais, Glam.
AFTER THE DANCE—POLICE HELD, REPAIRING FLOOR.

100 Prize-winners of £1:

A. R. Allwood, 20, Belle Vue Rd., Nottingham;
J. E. Anderson, 15, Howard Terr., Morpeth, Nor'd.; H. J. Ball, 1, Tennyson Rd., Horfield, Bristol; W. A. Barker, 146, High St., Teddington; Miss F. Barnes, 17, Guilford St., Russell Sq., London, W.C.; T. Baynes, Fern Cottage, Wason Rd., Leven, Fife; F. D. Beare, 46, Winton St., Andover; A. Bell, 95, Gourlay St., Springburn, Glasgow; R. Bell, 185, Litherland Rd., Bootle; W. Boocock, 1 Terr., Lothersdale, nr. Keighley; Mrs. A. Bowes, "Rosehouse," Ridgebourne, Llandrindod Wells; Miss Broadley, 1, Chapel Lane, Stockton Heath; M. Brown, 8, Brunel Av., Ford, Devonport; D. J. Burrow, 450, Hale End Rd., Highams Park, E.; Miss Burrow, 13, Ormiston Park, Belfast; M. Candwick, 1, Church St., Adlington, Lancs; D. Chisholm, Ruthella St., Newtown, Carlisle; W. Coombes, 1, Karolyn Rd., Streatham, S.W.; Mrs. J. Cowin, Bethesda St., Kirkdale, L'pool.; L. Crawford, 89, Castle St., South Shields; A. Crook, 3, St. Silas Ardwick, M'c'r.; J. Cumpstey, Elmtopp, Gaystang Road, Preston; Mrs. Curtis, 3, Charlaina Terr., Hotwells, Bristol; F. G. Dean, 33, Ludlow Rd., Guildford; Mrs. Dimm, 5, Green St., West Cornforth, co. Durham; Mrs. Donagher, 76, John St., Workington; J. E. Fearn, Uplands Cres., Swansea; Mrs. J. Fenan, 15, Carver St., Glasgow; L. C. Garrard, 262, Alfreton Road, Radford, Notts; W. George, 113, Roundway,

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EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 552.

WHILE PARLIAMENT SITS
THE ASHES
WHAT HUSBAND MEANS
AT THE NIGHT CLUB
LEFT OUTSIDE
A DAY OFF
TOO SLOW
IN HER SHOES
RASH ACT
WHEN ALL'S TOLD
TILL TO-MORROW
AFTER A FASHION
WIRELESS CONCERT
WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID
BY INSTALMENTS
TIME TO MOVE
HAVING ONE
WHEN SHE SINGS
HURRYING HOME
HOW TO BEHAVE
MUSIC
MODERN MIRACLE
ROCKING
FOUND OUT LATER
UNPAID
GOOD MONEY
NOT FOR LONG
IN MY GARDEN
WRONG WORD
HER BEST FRIEND
IN SCHOOL
WHAT IS A LOVER?

Tottenham, N.; A. E. Gibbs, Leamington Spa (please send full address); J. Gilchrist, 31, Arthur St., Walton, L'pool.; C. Goodacre, 231, Robert's St., Grimsby; F. A. Gregory, 73, Queen Eleanor Rd., Far Cotton, Northampton; Mrs. E. Grey, Court House, Mitcheldean, Glos.; F. M. Harley, Glascwm, Builth Wells, Breconshire; J. Harper, 25, Berrymead Rd., Acton Green, W.; Mrs. A. Hawes, Hollway, Desborough; F. Hawkins, 66, Central Rd., Port Sunlight; T. B. Haynes, 17, Constantine Rd., Colchester; E. Heaton, 40, Lilac Grove St., Bradford; Mrs. W. Hindle, 203, Kent St., Preston; R. Hope, 26, Woodlands Rd., Ilford; R. Howarth, 122, Blake St., Barrow-in-Furness; J. Hundy, 445, St. Helen's Rd., Bolton; H. J. Huntley, Chapel Row, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon; H. Isherwood, 7, Earl St., Flint; G. Jack, 146, McDonald Rd., Edinburgh; Mrs. F. Jackson, 206, Cleethorpe Rd., Grimsby; J. W. Kilburn, 16, Shelton Av., Leeds; G. F. Laing, Cockburnspath, Berwickshire; A. Lamacraft, 11, St. Sidwells Av., Exeter; S. H. Lessels, 24, Burnaby Rd., Southend-on-Sea; F. Long, 2, De Burgh Terr., Guilton, Ash, nr. Canterbury; W. McCulloch, 344, Gorgie Rd., Edinburgh; G. J. Mackerell, 10, Weston Rd., Edmonton, N.; P. Macnamara, 31A, The Green, Stratford, E.; F. Mapledoram, 33, Downhill Rd., Catford, S.E.; W. H. Matthews, Court Rd., Sarisbury Green, Southampton; Mrs. J. Measures, 60, Burlington Rd., Southampton; Miss M. Migns, 143, Alexandra Rd., St. John's Wood, N.W.; A. Moncur, 4, Hamilton Terr., Portobello; C. Moorcraft, 9, Everthorpe Rd., Peckham, S.E.; A. J. Munro, c/o Gordon, 179, Dunstans Rd., E. Dulwich; Mrs. N. Newell, The Monro Fellowship, 5, Moreton,

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HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS" — NO LETTER RESTRICTIONS.

Choose any of the *Examples* printed; then give any **Two, Three,** or **Four Words** having some bearing on the *Example* chosen, each of which can begin with any letter in the alphabet. These specimens will guide you:—
Example:—HEART OF THE EMPIRE *Bullet*:—"JUMPS" WHEN PRINCE DOES.
Example:—WHAT IS A HUSBAND? *Bullet*:—FAMILY BUTT—AND BUTTRESS.
Example:—TO-MORROW *Bullet*:—YOUTH'S CRYSTAL—AGE'S HOUR-GLASS.

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Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 30. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, February 19.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(552) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 30. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed _____
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"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, February 19.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(552) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 30. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, February 19.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 30. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
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SPECIAL NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £5, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the winners of the three chief "Bullets" Prizes in Competition No. 552 have purchased their copies of "John Bull."

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